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TRADERS ISSUE FESTIVE MESSAGE

Report by Naomi Penrose

USE them or lose them – that's the clear message from Oswestry's business bosses as many of the town's independent retailers enter the most vital month of their trading year.

With just a month until Christmas, Oswestry Chamber of Commerce chairman Neil Jenkins has issued a rallying call for shoppers to get behind the town and shop locally.

The call comes as the town's mayor this week made a festive pledge. Councillor Paul Milner has pledged to snub online shopping and buy all his gifts locally this Christmas – and has urged everyone else to do the same.

He said: "Oswestry is a great place to shop and has a fantastic mix of independent shops.

"We are all working to ensure Oswestry's businesses have a good Christmas. The town council for example has agreed once again to offer free afternoon parking in the two weeks before Christmas.

Avoid

"Personally I have made a promise to avoid shopping online and get all my presents locally. I will be looking online for gift ideas but then sourcing them in local shops. We have great shops in Oswestry and I would urge everyone to shop locally."

That sentiment was shared by Mr Jenkins who said: "December is a big time for business owners. In the retail business, it's expected that you make around 30 per cent of your profits for the year in December. If you don't, you're in trouble really because what you find is people rein in their spending in November ahead of Christmas, then again in January and February because of the amount they've spent for Christmas.

"It's a difficult time because everything needs to go right but at the same time the festive rush is a great time of year, and I'm optimistic it will be a good Christmas for Oswestry traders as long as people get behind them. It really is a case of use them or lose them."

The picture is looking good for Oswestry business House of Party which has opened a pop-up Christmas shop on Leg Street.

Following great success online, boasting customers from 62 different countries worldwide from their warehouse based on Artillery Business Park, owners Andy and Rebecca Hall decided that now was the time to expand their business offline.

Now one of the UK's largest balloon and party retailers, the House of Party is open for business over Christmas in Oswestry, stocking everything from wrapping paper, Christmas cards, decorations and party props. The couple's move reverses the recent trend which has seen many businesses leave the high street in favour of an online trading model.

Neil Jenkins, left, wishes Becky and Andy Hall from House of Party Christmas pop-up shop in Oswestry a successful festive period. Photo: John Sambrooks.

Council urged to put off homes decision

HIGHWAYS England wants the brakes put on a major housing development on the edge of Oswestry until it can see what effect the extra homes will have on a busy roundabout.

The government body has asked Shropshire Council to put off its decision on a planning application for up to 600 homes for three months.

Officers for the agency said they wanted to work with the developers to find out more detailed information about traffic to and from the site on the eastern gateway into the town.

A planning application for 24 hectares of land between the bypass and Shrewsbury Road has been submitted to Shropshire Council by landowner J Ross Developments.

Catherine Brookes, divisional director of Highways England, says in a letter to the council that there are a number of highways issued that have not been resolved. "These include the modelling of the A5 Mile End roundabout and its latest design and the modelling of the site access junction and any impact on the roundabout," she says.

She says in the letter that Highways England also wants to look at any impact on the A495 junction – the Oswestry to Whitchurch road.

"We recommend non-determination of the application for three months to allow the applicant time to provide the information necessary to ensure the Highways Agency that the proposed site access and development do not severely impact on the Strategic Roads Network," she says.

"We wish to express our willingness to work with the developer to form an acceptable solution."

The development is the largest housing proposal the town has had and the plans suggest that the houses would be based around a central green with plenty of open space.

There would be pedestrian and vehicle links to the town centre and to the nearby leisure centre and industrial estate. There are also plans to build a pedestrian bridge over the A5/A483 to connect with a proposed new Mile End business park on the other side of the bypass.

The land is part of the proposed sustainable urban development that sits within Shropshire Council's Samdev, the blueprint for future housebuilding in the county.

"Both housing and employment growth is vital to maintaining and developing Oswestry's position regionally," the J Ross Developments design statement says.

ENVIRONMENT

Public meeting is told of concerns about waste move

CAMPAIGNERS have told Powys County Council proposed changes to household waste recycling facilities are unacceptable.

Protesters attended a public meeting called by Welshpool Town Council on Tuesday night to express their feelings directly to Councillor John Powell, the county council's portfolio holder for environment. Residents in the 200-strong crowd voiced concerns about the potential closure of the Welshpool recycling centre, fearing that large levels of fly-tipping would end up blighting the landscape.

The county council has launched a consultation after announcing it needed to cut £700,000 from its recycling budget.

Town Councillor Graham Breeze said if the Welshpool site did close, people would need to drive further with their waste, going against what the Welsh Government stands for on climate change.

Campaigner Richard Church said the Liberal Democrats had collected more than 2,000 signatures on a petition against the closure plans.

After the meeting Cllr Powell said: "We are consulting on a number of options including closure of up to two sites, reducing the opening days of the sites, and potential charges for some waste such as soil and rubble, plasterboard and other DIY waste." He said no decisions have been taken over the future of the household waste and recycling centres.

CAMPAIGN

Knife Angel may stay under wraps

BOSSES at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry say their huge Knife Angel may never be revealed because not all police forces in Britain have supported the campaign.

The sculpture, made from more than 100,000 weapons, has been created to raise awareness of knife crime.

But six police forces have failed to back the project.

Clive Knowles, chairman of the centre, said he wanted to have all police forces backing the project before the artwork would be formally revealed.

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'Dithering and delays' on health move cause concerns

Report by Naomi Penrose

"DITHERING and delays" on the reorganisation of Shropshire hospitals is causing frustration and worry to residents, a senior councillor has said.

Councillor David Lloyd has voiced fears that any further delay in the Future Fit programme could lead to outside intervention with a decision being taken "out of our hands" and by those who don't understand the county's needs.

He said: "I'm frustrated by how long this has taken, and I fear that soon enough any further delays might result in decisions on the future health needs of Shropshire being determined by those who don't understand the area."

His comments come following a meeting of the Local Joint Committee (LJC) for Gobowen, St Martins and Weston Rhyn, in Gobowen where healthcare was the focus of the agenda.

"The LJC has supported a three-point call for speedy action to end uncertainty over the NHS Future Fit process in the county," he said.

He added: "The meeting registered frustration at the dither and delay surrounding the consultation exercise on the Future Fit process for Shropshire, which remains incomplete.

"There is concern that this is damaging to the morale of those charged with the care of our population and others seeking to develop new systems of care in the community, and growing fears that further delay might result in decisions on the future health needs of Shropshire being determined by those with no understanding of the county."

A meeting of the Future Fit programme board is due to take place on Monday, though health chiefs have not yet confirmed it will go ahead.

It is believed that a final decision on the future of the county's hospitals could be held up because officials in Shropshire need NHS "feedback" before a decision is made.

Debbie Vogler, Future Fit programme director, said NHS England feedback was needed by Monday to allow the process to move forward.

If nothing comes before that date, rules involving the forthcoming Shropshire Council elections mean a decision will be delayed until after May.

Steph is student nurse of year for Wales

Steph Morris receives her Wales Student Nurse of the Year award from BBC sports presenter Jason Mohammed

STUDYING for a nursing degree, helping to launch a nursing society and volunteering at a homeless shelter where she set up a health-based craft workshop has earned Steph Morris a top accolade.

The 26-year-old from Knockin, near Oswestry, was named Wales Student Nurse in the Royal College of Nursing Nurse of the Year Awards 2016 at a ceremony in Cardiff.

She is studying at Bangor University and hopes to graduate in April. Steph, who attended the event with fiance Dan, said she was shocked by the award.

"I never thought I would win, there were so many amazing people in nursing at the event. But I am delighted that it will help to promote the homeless project that I have been involved in," she said.

The nursing student became involved in a homeless project in Wrexham and set up art therapy classes at a homeless drop-in centre.

Starting as a voluntary project it is now funded by the local health board after Steph made a Dragon's Den-style pitch for the project.

"One of its aim is to educate nurses and health professionals about the problems that homeless people face with health care," she said.

"Through the nursing society we are holding a ball over Christmas to raise money for the centre." She was praised by her personal tutor at Bangor and nominator, John Alcock, who said: "I have known Stephanie since the first day of her course and you cannot miss her energy and enthusiasm for nursing and appetite for education, which positively radiates from her.

"Stephanie regularly attends and presents at conferences locally and nationally, for example 1,000 Lives, speaking and presenting with a maturity, clarity and assuredness.

"She has played a major role as secretary in establishing the Bangor University Nursing Society, which aims to foster a positive image of nursing and education."

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Store closed after rats were spotted

A FOOD store in Welshpool was closed after customers spotted rats.

1st Stop in Broad Street was closed following an inspection from Powys County Council's food safety team on Wednesday last week after complaints from a customer.

Officials from the local authority issued a hygiene emergency prohibition notice, ordering the food department of the store to be closed.

The post office section of the shop remained open. Lee Evans, a spokesman for Powys County Council, said on Monday this week: "The premises remains closed following last week's inspection. Officers from our food safety team are working with the food business operator to ensure that the necessary works are completed so the food business element of the shop can re-open as soon as possible."

Last week Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for environmental health, said: "We received a complaint from a member of the public regarding 1st Stop on Broad Street, Welshpool.

"Staff from our food safety team carried out an inspection of the premises and during the inspection found evidence of rat activity.

"This was brought immediately to the attention of the business operator."

Staff from 1st Stop said they were unable to comment.

Man died from heroin overdose

A MAN found unconscious in the toilet of a fast food restaurant died of a heroin overdose, an inquest has heard.

Shropshire Coroner John Ellery recorded a conclusion of drug related death, in the inquest into the death of Wesley Steven Davies.

Mr Ellery was told how 39-year-old Mr Davies, of Ruyton XI Towns near Oswestry, had been discovered unconscious by staff at Burger King in Castle Street, Shrewsbury, at around 2.40pm on June 17.

Coroner's officer Michael Caesar-Homden read a statement which explained that Mr Davies had been taken to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital where he had later died.

Mr Davies had been discovered with drug paraphernalia, and Mr Ellery recorded that the death was caused by opiate (heroin) toxicity.

Shock for residents as power surge hits homes

Report by Sue Austin

ABOUT 20 homes were hit by a massive power surge when a hedge cutter damaged a mains electricity line.

Computers and other electrical items went on fire and central heating systems were put out of action in houses and bungalows in the hamlet of Babbinswood, near Oswestry.

Residents, who said they had been frightened when their appliances started smoking and popping, have been left struggling to cope without essential items such as fridges.

The problems began on Thursday afternoon last week when a tractor and hedge cutter were working in a field opposite the row of houses.

Resident Peter Keen said the machine chopped through the neutral line on the power pylon in the field opposite the houses, resulting in a massive power surge.

The surge burnt out most of his household electricity items and those of his neighbours.

"One neighbour was outside and saw it happen," he said. "I was sitting working at my computer when all of a sudden is starting smoking and making a strange noise. Then my new printer went on fire and I heard a bang upstairs in the attic. I ran to switch off the mains power and then went out side to see if anyone else was affected.

"Neighbours, some of them who are quite elderly, had things popping and banging and going on fire all through their homes. I would think about 20 of us are affected."

The problems also led to a general power cut affecting Babbinswood and nearby Whittington.

Engineers from Scottish Power went to the scene and were able to restore power to all but one of the houses by 11pm. But Mr Keen said those who had had power surges were still struggling this week.

Paul Ferguson, for SP Energy Networks, said: "Unfortunately someone cut through one of our cables when working in a field, which caused a power cut and voltage issues impacting around 20 properties.

"Our engineers were on-site quickly to get power restored and begin the process of assessing damage. We will keep residents fully updated and ensure that any remaining repairs are completed as quickly as possible, and we apologise for inconvenience this has caused."

Dancer Darcey commends college

Darcey Bussell shares a joke with Fiona Brockway from Oswestry who was a student alongside the dancer

THE pin-up girl of Strictly Come Dancing, judge Darcey Bussell won over more young fans on a visit to a college to present it with a prestigious arts award.

Miss Bussell made a detour on her way to last weekend's television spectacular in Blackpool to drop into Ellesmere College to meet students and staff and unveil a plaque.

The college has become the first independent school in England and the only one in Shropshire to win the ArtsMark platinum award for providing children and the community with arts and cultural experiences.

One of Britain's best known ballet dancers, Miss Bussell praised the college for its work and told students that without the arts in their lives the world would be a very boring place.

"Today there are so many jobs out there if you want to go down the arts route," she said.

"The discipline and the passion the arts give can help in all fields of life."

She said her daughters, aged 12 and 15, both enjoyed the arts with one of them a dancer.

"I couldn't be happier for them," she said.

Miss Bussell said she was concerned that at a time of economic slump the arts could suffer.

She said: "It is the arts that always suffer first in funding cuts. However Britain is doing a lot better than it used to – we are now almost as passionate as the French for the arts.

"The BBC does a great job in bringing the arts into our lives."

During the visit to Shropshire the world famous dancer met Fiona Brockway from Oswestry who was a student alongside Miss Bussell.

The pair shared a joke and Miss Bussell signed a book .

NEWS IN BRIEF

Travel company to open more shops

AN Oswestry-based travel agent has revealed plans to open up six new shops by the end of next year.

Independent travel agent Polka Dot Travel, which already has two shops in Shropshire and two in Wales, has revealed the location of two more stores, which are set to open by the end of the year, as well as plans to launch a further four in 2017.

The brand's retail network will grow to a total of eight stores by the end of the year, with the opening of a shop in Llandudno on December 9, followed by a launch in Market Drayton.

The new openings will take the firm's total number of staff to 35, bosses have said.

The firm also opened a branch in Newtown in August, and another in Nantwich last week.

Man in court over robbery charge

A MAN has appeared in court charged with robbing an off-licence at knifepoint.

Carl Cowans, from Newtown, appeared at Telford Magistrates Court yesterday (Wednesday). The 35-year-old, of Garth Owen, is charged with robbery and possession of a bladed article.

It comes after a man wearing a hood walked into Boozed Up in Salop Road, Oswestry, on Monday night and threatened the cashier with a knife before escaping with nearly £500 in cash and cigarettes.

Cowans was remanded in custody by magistrates to appear at Shrewsbury Crown Court via video link on January 3 next year.

Festive fair to be held at hall

A CHRISTMAS Fair is to take place in a village near Oswestry this weekend.

The event will take place at Llansilin Memorial Hall on Saturday from 10am. It is organised by the village church to provide a social occasion and to help support the main Grade 1 building of the area.

The village church tower will be shining out with its annual Crown of Light on Sunday. This special feature is organised every year to raise money for Severn Hospice and the Hope House Children's Hospice.

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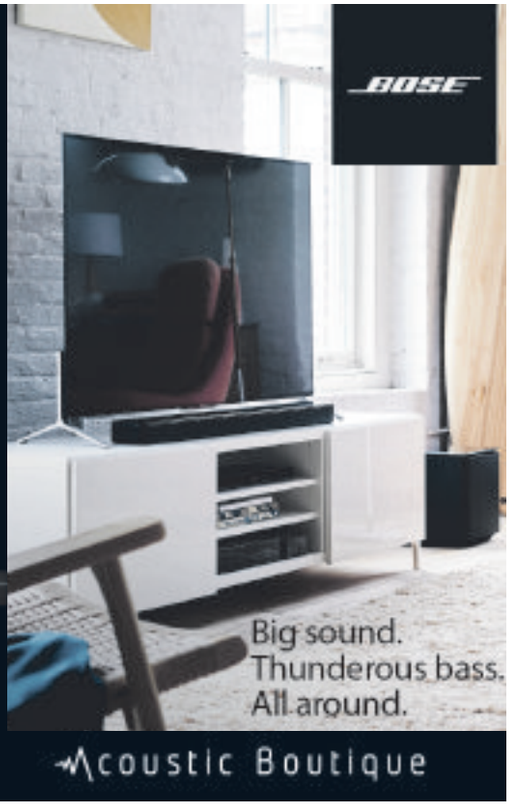

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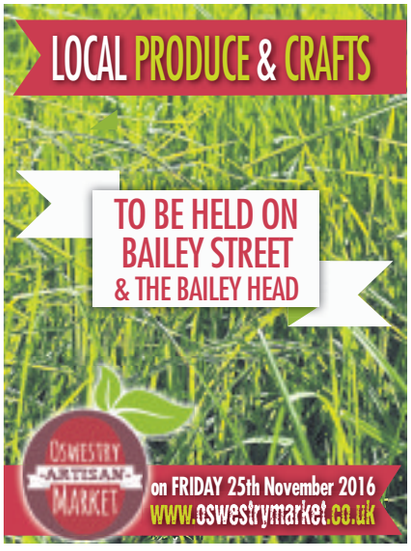
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Helen makes agricultural history

Oswestry's Helen Davies

AN Oswestry woman has made agricultural history by becoming the first woman to win a prestigious award for outstanding contributions to the Welsh sheep industry.

Helen Davies received the John Gittins Memorial Award at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanelwedd.

For the past decade, she has been secretary/development officer for the National Sheep Association Cymru. Judges said Helen is responsible for organising a biennial sheep event, attended by farmers from all over Shropshire and Mid Wales, as well as the rest of the country – a task that she always delivers with a level of passion and commitment far beyond what is expected of her.

They said: "Helen has always been an indefatigable and enthusiastic promoter of the Welsh sheep industry. Having interviewed all of the exceptional candidates we came to the unanimous conclusion that the winner this year should be Helen Davies.

"We were in complete agreement that Helen has made, and continues to make, a tremendous contribution to the Welsh sheep industry.

"It was evident that Helen gives her all to the industry and is always enthusiastic about whatever task is thrown her way. She recognises that the sector will continue to have a vital part to play in the future of agriculture within our country, especially in light of the current changing political landscape and always and goes the extra mile to promote and be the voice of the Welsh sheep industry at a national level."

Changes at the top after college's principal leaves

Report by James Pugh

THE principal of Oswestry-based North Shropshire College has left her post.

Jackie Doodson, who was also chief executive, has left the college after two and a half years.

It comes after it was announced the college, which has campuses in Oswestry, Walford, Shipley near Bridgnorth and on the Herefordshire border, has formed a federation with Reaseheath College in Cheshire.

The colleges said that by working together they will offer an even wider and better educational experience to further and higher education students and apprentices.

A statement on behalf of North Shropshire College said: "Jackie was appointed in July 2014 and worked to lead the college and its staff through increasingly difficult times, as Government funding and policy has moved towards further education being delivered through larger, merged organisations, rather than small, local colleges.

"As announced recently, the college has federated with Reaseheath College to form a larger more sustainable organisation as part of the Government's Area Review Process.

"It is anticipated that, with an ongoing commitment to meet the challenges of the sector that this could lead to a formal merger, allowing North Shropshire College to continue to meet the needs of its learners, staff and employers, but also increasing its ability to operate effectively and efficiently within the current economic and political environments."

The college said it would like to thank its former head for all her hard work and commitment, and to wish her every success with her future career in further education.

The college says its new interim principal will be Peter McCann who has a wealth of experience in the Further Education sector.

Open day at showroom

A BUSINESS will hold an open day at its new kitchen showroom this weekend.

Kenton Jones will hold the open day on Saturday at its new showroom at the Shotatton Crossroads on the A5 between Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

The Welshpool-based company is inviting the public to the open day.

The showroom is open from 9am to 5pm on Mondays to Saturdays.

Sales manager Roger Parsons said: "This has been a really big step for us.

"We believe our new showroom provides Kenton Jones with a more visible presence.

"Our customers have been impressed with the interior, which showcases traditional and modern kitchens.

"We're particularly delighted with the location, as we were considering a town centre showroom, but this is ideal for people to call in when passing, and there is plenty of free parking."

Kath still going strong at 100

Kath Somerville with her birthday cards and her royal telegram

RETIRED Shropshire teacher Kath Somerville has celebrated her 100th birthday with a party, a telegram from the Queen and, appropriately enough, nearly 100 cards.

Kathleen Pickstock was born on November 13, 1916, the first day of the Battle of Ancre, the final large British attack of the Battle of the Somme. Her parents, Emphraim and Mary, farmed at Arddleen, near Welshpool before moving to nearby Llandrinio. The middle of three girls, Kath's elder sister Mair died 16 years ago in her mid 80s, but younger sister Gwen Edwards, who is 94, is still around and organised a party for 40 guests in Guilsfield, where Kath has lived for the past 21 years. A collection raised £500 for the Air Ambulance.

She and her husband Fred Somerville shared a love of amateur dramatics and performed with Shrewsbury Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Sadly Fred died of cancer, aged just 58.

"The best advice I had at the time was to keep on working and I'm glad I did," says Kath. "I've been a widow since I was 47."

Kath continued to drive into her 90s and moved to Guilsfield in 1995 to be closer to her family.

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Politicians unite to ask for trunk roads improvements

Report by Sue Austin

POLITICIANS on both sides of the Shropshire/Welsh border have joined forces to call for improvements to two strategic trunk roads.

As Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond this week announced that more money would be ploughed into road schemes, four MPs have agreed to press for work on both the A5 near Oswestry and for a Pant and Llanymynech bypass on the A483.

Owen Paterson, MP for North Shropshire, met with Welsh counterparts, Glyn Davies, Susan Elin Jones and Ian Lucas, at Westminster. "We are organising a meeting with the Welsh Assembly roads minister, Ken Skates, and local Assembly Member Russell George to look for ways that Wales and England can work together to improve the road infrastructure," he said.

Mr Paterson said he had also had encouraging talks with senior highways officials.

He said: "I do not want to raise hopes however there seems to be a will to look at regional schemes as part of a new roads strategy. The roads minister has said that he will come to Shropshire and the border in the New Year to see the problems for himself."

The fresh calls for improvements to roads around Oswestry come the same week that major routes were closed because of accidents. A motorcyclist was taken to hospital after a crash on Thursday evening last week.

The collision, between the motorbike and a car happened on the A483 close to the Halton roundabout, near Chirk, shortly before 6pm.

The road was closed for a short time. An ambulance service spokesman said that the rider was taken to Wrexham Maelor Hospital with injuries which were not believed to be life-threatening.

Meanwhile on the same day a woman escaped injury after metal sheets fell off the back of a lorry onto the bonnet of her car as she was driving on the A5.

The accident, which happened at the Gledrid roundabout near Chirk, closed parts of the busy road resulting in heavy traffic in the area, which trickled down to the A483.

At the time of the accident, shortly before 9am on Thursday last week, motorists were advised to avoid the area.

Debris was scattered across the road as a result of the accident.

Michael McGivern, spokesman for North Wales Police, said: "We were called at 8.54am to reports that a lorry carrying steel had shed some of its load onto the road and a car had been damaged. It happened at the Gledrid roundabout and West Mercia Police dealt with the incident."

Transport expert gives safety ideas

RESIDENTS of a village are investigating ways to slow down traffic and bring back businesses to make it a more vibrant place.

Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council invited roads expert Ben Hamilton-Baillie to a meeting at the weekend, attended by about 100 people including representatives of local businesses.

It was the second time he had been to the village and he answered questions from parishioners about his ideas to discourage the use of the road for through traffic.

There were also sketches, photographs and maps showing the danger areas and putting forward some solutions to the problem of speeding traffic. Vice-chairman of the parish council, Mick Berry, who chaired the meeting, said that it would and should be a community decision for any changes to be made. There were some worries that there would be losses and consequent hardship for families owning or working in the transport business based in the village.

But Mr Hamilton-Baillie said that, far from damaging the local economy, any changes within the village itself could only lead to increased prosperity and that for residents it would be a very much more pleasant place to live.

Councillor Berry said that the parish council had arranged the meeting to give the community a voice. Further discussions would now take place within the council he said and stressed that any further action would only take place after consultation.

New salon brings jobs boost

Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner meets some of the staff at the new salon in the town

A NEW hair and beauty salon has created five jobs in Oswestry.

Sandy's Salon in Cabin Lane opened last month and was officially opened recently by Oswestry's MayorPaul Milner.

The salon, owned by Sandeep Marvaha – known as Sandy, specialises in hair, beauty and nails.

Councillor Milner said he was delighted to be asked to attend the salon to carry out its official opening.

And he said another independent business would benefit the town.

He said: "It was a pleasure to have been asked to officially open Sandy's Salon in Oswestry.

"It's always nice to see another business, especially an independent business. opening within Oswestry, which helps to add to the unique character our town has to offer.

"I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely wish Sandy and her business all the very best for the future."

Sandy's is the third business in a little more than a year to open up at the small development in Cabin Lane, which includes a One Stop convenience shop and 'Arry's Plaice takeaway.

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PETER RHODES

THE latest production at Stratford is The Tempest, a play set on an island. The publicity material includes a computer image of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre sitting on an island. Some will call it imaginative. Others, recalling how many times the Avon has flooded the theatre, will see it as tempting fate.

THERE are two Blackpools. The first, proclaimed by generations of PR people, is the one featured on Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1). It's a friendly, glamorous family resort, all spangles, sequins and feathers. The second Blackpool, as revealed in endlessly depressing official statistics, is the one I seem to remember, admittedly from some years ago. It was a place stinking of chips and vomit, stalked by drunken stag and hen parties. The BBC piled on the fun so thickly for Strictly that you might almost believe the less desirable Blackpool, the one of deprivation and unemployment, doesn't exist. And then one of the show's professional dancers, Gorka Marquez, was beaten up in the street by a gang of thugs. Welcome to the other Blackpool.

THE critic and writer A A Gill has revealed he has cancer. He says he will not fight it but he's up against one of the most entrenched cliches of journalism. According to the world's media, people always fight cancer. Sometimes they beat cancer. Sometimes they lose a battle with cancer. We treat cancer quite unlike other diseases. When did you last hear of anyone fighting dementia, diabetes or heart failure? Yet we kid ourselves if you only summon the blood and stiffen the sinews, you can fight and defeat the Big C, as though it were a dragon. Truth is, once you've got cancer you will either live or die. But that depends on the type of cancer, how soon it is caught and how skilled your doctors are. If you could fight it merely with courage, humour and positive mental attitude, my father would still be alive.

IT may have been madness for the relatives of a 14-year-old cancer victim to pay £37,000 for her body to be frozen in the hope of a cure 200 years from now. But are they any madder than those know-alls who assure us, as a scientific certainty, that cryogenics will never work? Just think of all the things that ordinary folk in 1816 would have thought impossible 200 years in the future. Just because we can't see how something might work doesn't mean that it may never work. For all we know, in the year 2216 long-frozen bodies may be brought back to life as a matter of course. I don't know how it could happen but then I probably couldn't explain an iPhone to Napoleon either. The future, almost by definition, is the place where the impossible happens.

This driver is using her phone on Shropshire roads

This Shropshire driver could not wait to make a call

A Shropshire driver is seen using his mobile

Police vow to crack down on phone-using drivers

Police in Shropshire are targeting motorists who are using phones while driving. By SAM MORRIS

MOTORISTS in Shropshire are continuing to flout mobile phone laws despite police warnings and high profile tragedies, officers have said.

More than 2,400 have been fined across the region for using a mobile phone behind the wheel.

This month traffic officers staged a week-long campaign, carrying out co-ordinated patrols of main roads across the county.

A taxi driver was among four motorists stopped during one rush hour, with each issued a fixed penalty notice and given a caution. A lorry driver was also given a warning.

West Mercia Police's Mike Pearce said he was frustrated and shocked daily by the behaviour of motorists.

He said: "If people on their phones saw some of the injuries people suffer in accidents they would act differently. Everybody has busy lives, but it is not worth the risk. I tell drivers that if they cannot trust themselves not to use their phone, they should lock it away so they cannot get hold of it."

Statistics released under the Freedom of Information Act show 2,437 drivers across the West Mercia Police region, including Shropshire, have been given fixed penalty notices or fined after prosecutions in court since 2012.

More than 5,000 have also been stopped and either given a verbal warning or escaped punishment by agreeing to go on a road safety course.

The most fines were dished out in 2013 when West Mercia Police dealt with 703 motorists using a hand-held mobile while driving to either make a call, write a text message or use an app. In 2016 up to October 21, 122 motorists have been given fixed penalty notices for the offence and a further 16 fined following a court prosecution.

Police in Shropshire are targeting motorists who flout rules about the use of mobile phones while driving

Since 2012, West Mercia Police officers have handed out 1,260 on-the-spot fines with 1,177 drivers facing court proceedings and being fined.

The force, along with the Safer Roads Partnership, launched the week-long campaign to crack down on the number of motorists who continue to break the law surrounding using a mobile phone while driving. West Mercia Police said the campaign supports its ongoing commitment to reducing road casualty numbers.

Lorry driver Tomasz Kroker was recently jailed for the deaths of Tracy Houghton, 45, her sons Ethan, 13, and 11-year-old Josh, and step-daughter Aimee Goldsmith, 11. He crashed into them while scrolling through music on his phone in Berkshire.

In Shropshire, lorry driver Ian Glover, 44, was jailed for five years in 2014. He was flicking through profiles of women on an explicit dating website when he hit a Vauxhall on the A5 between Telford and Shrewsbury. He killed Laura Jane Thomas, 20, and seriously injured her fiance Lewis Anthony Pagett.

West Mercia Police spokesman Superintendent Daryn Elton said: "Improving the safety of our roads is a year-round commitment. Although mobile phone enforcement is already part of our daily operational activity, we will be stepping up our efforts over the coming weeks to crack down on motorists who are blatantly ignoring both the law and the dangers involved."

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This month there was an astounding amount of good economic news.

Before the referendum, we were bombarded by Project Fear, full of unrelenting doom and gloomy predictions should the United Kingdom vote to leave the European Union. These predictions are continuing to be proven false. The depreciation in the pound was a much-needed correction to our overvalued currency and is proving to be a valuable boost for our food and farming industry and other exporters. It was a boon to the tourism industry over the summer which saw record spending. Figures this month show annual retail sales are now growing at 7.4 per cent – the fastest pace since 2002. Online sales alone have increased by 27 per cent since last year. This high level of consumption helps to create jobs. This month the Office for National Statistics announced that the employment rate was 74.5 per cent, the joint highest since comparable records began in 1971. UK unemployment has dropped to an 11-year low of 4.8 per cent – down by 906,000 since 2010. In particular we were warned that our digital economy would be negatively affected by a vote to leave. Last week I met the Digital Minister to discuss the future of broadband and mobile phone signal in North Shropshire. He wants to define Brexit Britain as open, optimistic, gregarious and global. Apple, Facebook and Google have since confirmed that the UK remains a world-class hub for the digital industry. In September, Apple and Google announced that they will establish new headquarters in London. Google's investment is worth £1 billion in the UK economy. Facebook already employs more engineers in Britain than anywhere else bar America and have announced a 50 per cent increase in their workforce. Nissan decided to build two next generation models at its plant in the North East, securing 7,000 jobs. Jaguar Land Rover will design, engineer and manufacture the new four-cylinder Ingenium petrol engine in the UK, which is now in production at their £1 billion Engine Manufacturing Centre. GlaxoSmithKline plans £275 million of new investments at three drug manufacturing sites in Britain, signalling its confidence in the country. The UK remains the most popular destination in the EU for overseas firms and inward investment projects are up 11 per cent on the previous year.

The three biggest sources – the US, China and India – are all the more likely to continue investing following Brexit. As we begin to negotiate our exit from the EU, we do so from a position of strength. Britain continues to hire, spend and grow.

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North Shropshire MP

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Q: My partner is verbally abusive to me. I really cannot take any more and I want to end the relationship, but I don't have any money. Even though he has never gone as far as to hit me, could I still qualify for legal aid for family proceedings?

A: Changes to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act (LASPO) on 1st April 2013, led to a change in the scope of Legal Aid for private family cases. As a result, divorce, financial and children disputes, no longer fall within the legal aid scope, unless the applicant has been a victim of, or there is a risk of, domestic violence. In private children disputes, the scope does encompass matters where a child, who would be subject to any order, has been or is at risk of abuse from a party to the proceedings.

The Government defines domestic violence and abuse as: Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

Types of abuse include psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse. Therefore the fact that your partner has not assaulted you is irrelevant for the purpose of legal aid. Domestic abuse can take many forms and verbal abuse, whether that is threats, intimidation or even name-calling, may fall within the definition for the purposes of legal aid.

For more urgent matters, where a protective injunction may need to be implemented by the Court, there is no requirement to provide proof of domestic violence. All family legal aid is, however, still subject to an assessment of the applicant's income and capital means. You should consult a family lawyer as soon as possible.

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We can now tap into a global market

SO the Remainers are still not convinced that we Brexiteers have done the right thing by freeing ourselves from the unelected bureaucrats we do not know and certainly never elected to tell us what to do.

There are still those who talk about a single market, when the world is a single market. One of our leading supermarkets had already entered into an agreement with a company that already exported to 138 countries. The Commonwealth consists of 54 nations, twice the number of countries in the EU and we have two billion citizens, four times the number in the EU.

The single market exists solely for the benefit of the remaining EU members. Try to imagine what our roads would look like without all the German, French, Spanish and Italian cars. These countries cannot impose any sort of levy on us, it would be to their detriment only. We have always bought more from the EU than they bought from us.

As for immigration, perhaps we can now stop referring to immigrants, migrants and asylum seekers and recognise these people as human beings, much like us. We are already very crowded in this tiny island so the opportunity to be selective should be embraced so that we can take as many people as we can support, along with those who can support themselves.

As for the French President Francois Hollande saying that the UK should take more is extreme arrogance. For the EU to have the same population density as the UK they would have to take in a further 685 million people.

Teresa May now has a position not held for decades, and that is as Prime Minister, the head of a democratically elected government and she will know to extricate us from the flawed EU as quickly as possible.

PETER HARMAN
Tibberton

Hospital staff gathered to oppose proposals

Staff at the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry packed into a meeting in May 1983 to register their strong protest at proposals to close four wards at the hospital. The four trauma and orthopaedic wards faced being sacrificed to help meet the costs of Telford's new multi-million pound district hospital.

Claims by MP on Future Fit plan require some scrutiny

IN response to signatures on a petition, many received a letter from Owen Paterson MP about local cuts to A&E. The Oswestry & District Labour group has prepared the following response.

Mr Paterson says: "Since 2014, the NHS Future Fit programmed has been reviewing hospital services. We must respect their judgement." There will now be no rural urgent care centres, and the judgement of local clinicians has in fact been been ignored, with Local Medical Committee stating that: "Primary Care is struggling to the point of failure" and that the projections given of falling admissions is simply not borne out by their experience, and are "naive to the point of being dangerous".

Mr Paterson says: "Under the proposals the current Telford A&E will continue to provide 80 per cent of its current services, although renamed an Urgent Care Centre."

Really Mr. Paterson? NHS England thinks that 40 per cent of A&E patients can be safely treated in Urgent Care Centres. Mr Paterson says: "More (Urgent Care Centres) will be opened which is great news for Shropshire as Oswestry and Whitchurch would be great locations". A decision was made in the spring that there would be no rural UCCs because there is no money for them.

Mr Paterson says a brand new Emergency Care Centre costing £300 million is to be built. Well no. A brand new centre was ruled out as unaffordable last year.

Mr Paterson says: "The Chief Executive of West Midlands Ambulance Service assured us that his paramedics are so skilled that he is not concerned about journey times (in the event of losing one A&E) so long as the specialist destination can unload patients rapidly." But the patients are not being unloaded rapidly; the A&Es are not coping with the demand, there aren't enough beds and there aren't enough community facilities for patients to be discharged.

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A view on health from a different side of the border

HERE in Powys we depend on Shrewsbury for A&E which from my home is 25 miles away, further still for residents of villages and towns in some parts of Powys.

I would like to point out to the residents of Telford area that they are nearer to Wolverhampton and Birmingham than we are to Telford or Shrewsbury.

How would they feel if they thought that because of some people's selfishness, a loved one would lose their life as no help was available in time? I think that the threat of court action is disgusting. I appreciate that no one wants to lose the hospital but they won't, it will still be there and able to treat patients safely hopefully. Please think again and drop this ridiculous court threat. Have some of you got relatives living our side of the border? If so ask them what they think. I will fight all the way to keep Shrewsbury as it is for the people of Powys. Think again, your actions could mean death to some people, how will you feel then?

ANN WILLIAMS
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HEATHER GRUAR
Llanymynech

The arrogance of the elitist Left is just breathtaking

CLASSIC FM consistently gives the "bad" news about Brexit, but in an understated way, which makes it sound as though that is the only news to be had on the subject.

On Channel 4 News, Krishnan Guru-Murthy goes into pubescent hysterics, every time he comes within a mile of Ukip.

The one is insidious, the other, just disgraceful journalism.

Both from the camps of the elitist left, whose arrogance is consistently breathtaking.

Newspapers understandably, have their loyalties, but one somehow expects newsreaders to be impartial.

That is, clearly, far too big an ask for many of them.

Perhaps they should come with the kind of health warning that appears on cigarette packets, since all this negativity is so depressing, or, in the case of Channel 4, the advice that "some viewers may find these scenes upsetting". Or am I being "small-minded"?

WILL KNOTT
Shrewsbury

We all must look after our bodies

WHEN is the message going to sink in that: "You are responsible for your own health" , not the doctor or the NHS.

I know some sadly are born with genetic defects and diseases like cancer are part of life.

They tell us that a third of the population are obese, what we need is rationing. Walking, cycling, taking the bus or train were the main ways of getting around, remember the double decker Crosville buses?

Cigarettes should be £20 a packet. Outside my local hospital there are huge notices saying smoking is banned but the ground is littered with fag-ends, and four people in their thirties were standing there smoking their lungs away.

How insensitive can you get when hospital staff are passing who are working hard to treat patients.

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Hundreds of people enjoyed the entertainment at the big Christmas lights switch-on ceremony in Oswestry

Mikey Hall with Mayor Paul Milner, Chewbacca and a stormtrooper

Christmas begins!

HUNDREDS of people attended this year's Christmas lights switch-on ceremony in Oswestry.

Paralympian Mikey Hall from St Martins had the honour of officially flicking the switch to signal the start of the festive season in the town.

Mikey was ably assisted by Chewbacca from the Star Wars movies and Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner also took part in the fun on the Bailey Head on Thursday evening.

A host of local schools sent their choirs to perform to the massive crowd and performance and theatre groups from the town also took part in the celebrations. The biggest cheer of the night was saved for young people from the Derwen College who performed on stage during the evening.

Fireworks were released from the Guildhall on Bailey Head after Mikey Hall turned on the lights.

The mayor said the event went well and he said he was delighted to take part.

He said: "It is a privilege to take part in these events and I thought it was brilliant.

"A special thanks must go to James Bond from BBC Radio Shropshire who did a great job hosting the event.

"The choirs were fantastic and they were all a real credit to their schools.

"All the performances were great and we were honoured to have Mikey Hall come along and switch the lights on for us.

"The event was really well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves and we must wish everybody a happy Christmas."

Long serving town councillor John Gareth Jones attended the celebrations and said he was impressed by how the event had grown over the years.

He said: "It has vastly improved over the years and is an event everybody looks forward to.

"The atmosphere is terrific and it is great to see so many families out and enjoying themselves."

Chewbacca and Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner enjoy the fun on the Bailey Head as the town's Christmas lights are switched on. Photos: Oswestry Town Council.

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Assurances are given on Christmas dairy supply

CHRISTMAS dinner won't be a dairy desert this year, Shropshire farming bosses say – but cheese and butter production could be hit by festive cream consumption.

Recent reports have suggested that some butter and cheese manufacturers could be hit by shortages of milk over the festive season.

The reasoning behind the claims is that the recent woes of the dairy industry have seen many farmers leaving the sector. That in turn has led to falling milk stocks, and driven up the price of milk, boosting those dairy farmers who remain in the sector.

A number of the farmers who remain in business are contracted to provide liquid milk to the nation's supermarkets, reducing the amount available to be turned into butter, cheese and cream. That doesn't necessarily point to shortages of brandy butter and after-dinner cheese when the family sits down at the dining table on December 25. But it could lead to difficulties for some producers later on because consumer demand for cream spikes over Christmas.

Shropshire-based NFU spokesman Oliver Cartwright said: "We have seen prices lower than the cost of production for at least two years now which has put Shropshire dairy farmers out of business and others under serious pressure.

"As a result production has dropped by around 10 per cent, year on year, but the likelihood is that British dairy products will be on the shelves as usual this Christmas, although there may be some impact on the butter and cheese market longer term."

"I am delighted to finally see prices moving upwards for dairy farmers, it's long overdue," Mr Cartwright added.

Broadband providers 'should be more honest'

Report by Sam Morris

BROADBAND advertising needs to be more honest, a senior Shropshire councillor has said.

Steve Charmley has called for more clarity after it was revealed some providers advertise higher speeds than they can deliver.

It comes after a watchdog called for more changes to broadband advertising after finding that consumers have a low understanding of the speed they need and are unlikely to receive the headline claims quoted by providers.

A study for the Advertising Standards Authority found that consumers have a "low overall" understanding of broadband speed, with many not knowing what level they need to carry out their daily online tasks.

Councillor Charmley, deputy leader of Shropshire Council and cabinet member responsible for broadband, said he would like to see some honesty in the advertising.

He said: "I have had an email from someone that has moved to Shropshire who was promised between 20 and 40 megabits per second but the fact they can only get two or three is the reality.

"Broadband suppliers are too quick to say they have got fantastic coverage and say they have got speeds they can't deliver.

"A bit of honesty either by regulation or goodwill would be welcome.

"That would help the market generally and us as a council.

"If suppliers said a town in the middle of Shropshire can get 10 megabits per second and another can get two we can focus our attention on the town with slow speeds."

The ASA has called for changes to ensure consumers are not misled.

Extra special service is organised

An invitation to the service for people with learning difficulties and their carers has been extended to all

AN open invitation has been given to people to enjoy an extra special Christmas Christingle service which is being organised by members of an Oswestry church.

The service has been organised for people with learning difficulties, their carers and their family and friends. The event has been organised by the Prospects Group at Hope Church in Oswestry and organisers say the celebration will allow those taking part to reflect on the deeper meaning of Christmas.

Helen Evans, outreach and community co-ordinator at Hope Church said everyone was welcome to attend the service.

She said: "The Prospects Group at Hope Church Oswestry would like to invite everybody to share their lovely Christingles, and join in with the Christingle service they are holding this year. The service will take place at Hope Church, Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, on December 11 at 5pm until 6pm."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Council sets out its top priorities

POWYS County Council has published a document that sets out its priorities for the next three years.

The council has published its Corporate Improvement Plan 2016/19, which outlines what it is doing to meet the needs of residents and businesses in the county.

The council lists its main priorities as delivering services for less by remodelling council services to respond to funding cuts, supporting people in the community to live fulfilled lives, developing the economy and improving learner outcomes for all.

Councillor Barry Thomas, leader of Powys County Council, said: "Public services and local government in particular are under greater financial pressure than ever before.

"Against that backdrop it is absolutely essential that we have a clear view and strategy about we want to achieve that.

"This document is a key part of this process."

The plan is available at www.powys.gov.uk/corporateplan

Recruitment day is a big success

A NUMBER of jobs were filled in one day at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital

Newly qualified and experienced nurses were offered jobs during a recruitment day on Sunday.

The event saw the hospital throw open the doors to let nurses tour the different wards and departments, be interviewed for posts and even accept job offers on the same day. Staff nurse posts, ward and theatre posts were among the many opportunities offered on the day.

Bev Tabernacle, director of nursing, said: "We have just under 30 vacancies and we are on course to meet our target."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Further warning over tool thefts

THEFTS of power tools continue to be a problem in rural areas, police have said.

Dyfed-Powys Police say they are continuing to receive reports of thefts of power tools from vans in the Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire areas of Powys. The latest offences have occurred in the Knighton area, overnight between November 3 and 4.

Anna James, spokeswoman for Dyfed-Powys Police, said: "This is a national issue and Dyfed-Powys Police is working with other police forces and partners, with efforts focussed on investigating incidents and deploying patrols to deter further occurrences.

"Police would like to advise people to remove tools and valuable items from their vehicles overnight, to prevent them becoming a victim of theft."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police by calling 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555111.

Festive fun with the young farmers

YOUNG farmers are organising a community carol concert in the run-up to the festive season to raise funds for charity.

Guilsfield Young Farmers Club have organised the concert to take place in the week before Christmas to raise money for Montgomeryshire Emergency Doctors.

The "night of festive song and cheer" will take place from 6.30pm on December 18.

Entry will cost £5 per family, including refreshments.

There will also be a "decorate the Christmas tree" competition at £5 per go with businesses and organisations also invited to join take part. Guilsfield WI won the competition last year.

For more information email guilsfieldyoungfarmers@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline looming over boundary change plans

Report by Mark Andrews

PEOPLE have just over a week left to have their say on controversial changes to electoral boundaries in Shropshire and Mid Wales.

Consultation on the proposals – which would see theMontgomeryshire constituency disappear, Ludlow merge with Leominster, and Bridgnorth moved into a new constituency with Wellington and The Wrekin – will close on December 5.

The Boundary Commissions for England and Wales, which drew up draft changes to the parliamentary boundaries in September, said they were "really happy" with the response so far.

More than 1,000 people have spoken at public events, giving a wide range of views on the proposals.

Sam Hartley, secretary to the Boundary Commission for England, said: "The public are the experts when it comes to local knowledge, so hearing what you do or don't like about our proposals as well as why and what we can do to make them better is so important to us.

"Our initial proposals are just a starting point and people's comments do make a difference – at the last review the Commission changed almost two-thirds of the initial proposals based on what the public said."

Mr Hartley said almost 8,000 representations had been made through the commission's website.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies said the changes would demolish his constituency, and said he was unlikely to seek re-election if the changes went ahead.

The northern half of the constituency, including Welshpool, will be merged with Clwyd South to form a new South Clwyd and North Montgomeryshire constituency.

Tenants needed for historic cockpit

The Cockpit in Welshpool's New Street has a fascinating history

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It was in use until 1849 when cockfighting became illegal.

Restored in 1978, the building has since been the home of the Montgomeryshire Women's Institute, who recently relocated to new premises.

The Cockpit is owned by Welshpool Town Council.

Town Clerk Robert Robinson said: "The building has an office use but could be used for retail subject to consents.

"The building is octagonal in shape with a ground floor comprising office, toilet, kitchenette and electric heating."

Mr Robinson added: "There are stairs to the upper gallery which is a walkway around the building."

The property is being marketed by Harry Ray and Co, who can be contacted on (01938) 552555.

Reminder is given on car seat safety

RESIDENTS in Powys who use a child car seat can have them checked out by Powys County Council for free to ensure that they are fitted correctly.

The council's Road Safety Unit provides a free car seat checking service. Anyone who uses a car seat and wants it checked out should contact the unit to make an appointment.

Cllr John Brunt, cabinet member for road safety, said: "Every year around 100,000 children in the UK are involved in collisions and the fitting of their car seat can have serious consequences on whether or not they are injured.

"We check the car seat to see if it is suitable for your child and if it is compatible with your vehicle. If the seat or the harness needs to be adjusted, our officers are trained to show parents or carers how to fit the seat correctly. I encourage anyone who uses a child car seat to make use of this important service. These checks will not cost you anything and could ultimately save your child's life."

Call (01686) 611586 to book an appointment or email road.safety@powys.gov.uk

Lakes walk for group members

THE Welshpool Ramblers' walk on Sunday will be in the Adfa area, led by Jim Rowley.

It will be a moderate, circular, walk of 10 miles to Bwich-y-Garreg, visiting the 'Three Lakes', Llyn Mawr, Llyn Du and Llyn Tarw. All welcome, but no dogs on the walk. Meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225075) or at the start of the walk on the Adfa to Bwlch-y-Ffridd road (OS grid ref SJ 052001) ready for a 10.15am start.

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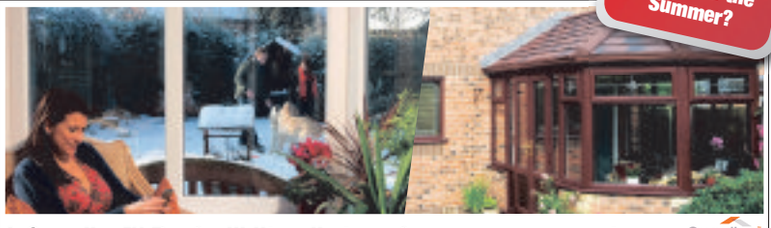

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Tree of Light organiser Mike Jones, Oswestry Paralympian Mark Fosbrook, Oswestry Rotary Club president Ian Haigh and Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner

The Tree of Light is switched on outside Sainsbury's in Oswestry

Let there be light!

THERE was a good turnout for the switching-on of the Rotary Club of Oswestry's Tree of Light.

The Tree of Light will be outside Sainsbury's store in Oswestry until the New Year and organisers of the scheme hope thousands of pounds will be raised for charity and good causes.

In recent years the Tree of Light has proven a big success and raised thousands of pounds.

The public is invited to donate to the scheme and donations are made in memory of a loved one or a special event.

Sponsor forms can be obtained from the Sainsbury's store until the New Year for those who wish to make a dedication.

Alternatively sponsor forms can also be downloaded from the club website at rotaryclubowestry.co.uk.

Those who attended this year's switching-on on Saturday afternoon enjoyed some Christmas carol singing.

The singing was accompanied by the members of the Porthywaen Silver Band.

Guest of honour at the event this year was Mark Fosbrook, a Paralympian who plays wheelchair basketball.

Mr Fosbrook had the honour of switching on the lights.

Oswestry Town Council Mayor Paul Milner also attended the switching-on ceremony and the mayor said he was impressed by the athlete's "lovely heartfelt speech" before he illuminated the tree.

All funds raised from the project this year will again be given to local charities as displayed on the rotary club's website and the tree.

Last year's Tree of Light programme raised almost £6,000 for local charities and good causes.

Among the rotarians who attended the switching-on ceremony at the weekend were Tree of Light organiser Mike Jones and also there was Oswestry Rotary Club president Ian Haigh.

Mark Fosbrook made a speech before he had the honour of turning on this year's Tree of Light display in Oswestry

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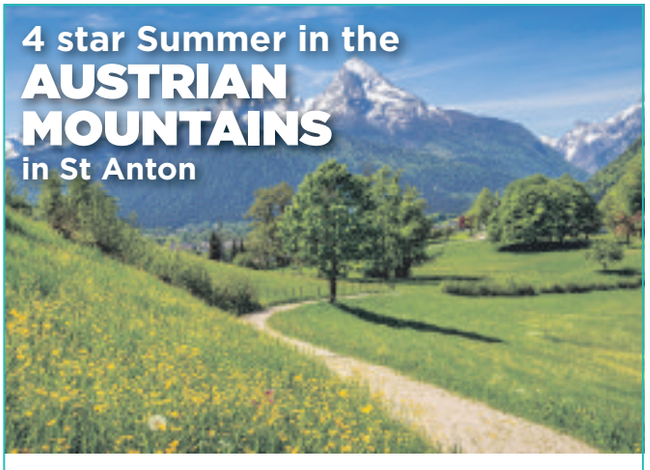

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Auction will sell farm machinery

AUCTIONEERS Halls are holding a sale of surplus farm machinery, implements and equipment at a Shropshire farm on December 9.

The 230-lot auction at Hilley Farm, Pentre, Nesscliffe, near Oswestry, which is being conducted on behalf of JR and HJ Jones and Sons, includes a 59 plate New Holland TM140 tractor, a Massey Ferguson 516 Skid Steer loader and Beirhoud trailed crop sprayer.

The auction also includes a good collection of farm and workshop tools, dairy, irrigation, cultivation, harvest, grain, grassland and vintage equipment, fuel tanks, wheels and tyres, tractor attachments, sprayers, bowsers and tanks, trailers and containers.

The auction starts at 11am and a catalogue may be downloaded online at www.hallsgb.com

Paramedics use translation tool

AMBULANCE staff used an online translation tool to help two Bulgarian men who were injured after their car was in collision with a tractor and ended up in a hedge, narrowly missing the Shropshire Union Canal.

The driver was given pain relief following the incident on the road running parallel to the canal between Queens Head and Rednal near Oswestry just after 4pm on Tuesday. An ambulance spokeswoman said: "As the men were Bulgarian and didn't understand English, ambulance staff used their initiative by communicating with them through an online translation tool to carry out a full assessment. The driver sustained head and chest injuries and was given pain relief to help ease his discomfort before being taken by land ambulance on blue lights to Royal Stoke University Hospital for further trauma care." The passenger suffered relatively minor injuries and was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Alterations could soon be on way to town centre traffic system

TOWN centre roads in Oswestry could soon be given a shake-up.

Members of Oswestry Townscape and Transport Forum are set to meet with infrastructure and business services group Mouchel, who have been carrying out a review of Oswestry's roads.

Councillor Chris Schofield, chairman of the forum, said Mouchel is due to come back to the group in the new year with a final report following the review.

In the review, Mouchel is likely to identify a number of Oswestry's "hotspots".

Councillor Schofield lists Cross Street and Gobowen Road as two of the town's problem areas.

He said: "I agree with the comments Councillor Steve Charmley made about opening up Cross Street to traffic again for a trial period.

"I do believe it will help boost trade in the area.

"I'm afraid it is part of a bigger issue too though."

Councillor Schofield added: "As for Gobowen Road, it's definitely a hotspot with having the medical centre there and like I've said before, if Oswestry does get an urgent care centre, it will be a nightmare."

Councillor Schofield said at the meeting in the new year, he hopes the group will discuss external funding pots, in order for works to be carried out.

Oswestry Town Council, Shropshire Council, and Oswestry Chamber of Commerce managed to commission £15,000 to help fund the review by Mouchel. Councillor Charmley, Deputy Leader at Shropshire Council, recently suggested opening up pedestrianised Cross Street to traffic again on a trial basis.

It came following a series of meetings between Oswestry and Shropshire councils, various town stakeholders and experts in townscape and design. Councillor Charmley said at the time: The group has been discussing lots of ideas, with some draft proposals due to come back to the group for discussion early in the new year.

"Having been involved in discussions around regeneration in my economic growth role at Shropshire Council for some time now, it is clear that the Cross Street area of the town is really struggling, the empty shops do not give a positive entrance to the town.

"With this in mind I am calling on the town council to abandon the pedestrianised zone and remove the bollards for a trial period of six months, to see what can be achieved in terms of regeneration."

Mayor of Oswestry Councillor Paul Milner said opening the street to traffic again could see the "revival" of Cross Street.

Opening up Cross Street in Oswestry to traffic has been suggested as a way of boosting trade

Addict who had drugs is sent to jail

AN addict who was caught in possession of drugs just a month after being given a suspended sentence, has been jailed.

Lee Roberts, 33, had appeared before magistrates in September for possession of heroin and four offences of shoplifting.

He was given a six month sentence.

His sentence was suspended for a year.

Roberts was also put on a drug rehabilitation programme by magistrates in September.

However, just a month later he was found by police in Oswestry with a quantity of amphetamine and a knife, a court has heard.

Roberts appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Tuesday this week via video link from prison when he was jailed for a total of 35 weeks.

Judge Peter Barrie said that he could not ignore that Roberts, having been given a chance to get to grip with his addiction, had breached the order within a month.

Roberts, of College Road, Oswestry, was given 22 weeks for possession of the amphetamine and the knife and a further 13 weeks of the previous suspended sentence.

Philip Beardwell, prosecuting, said Roberts appeared at the magistrates court on September 20 when the suspended sentence was imposed.

The court was told that on October 30 he was seen by police at the junction of Middleton Road and Union Road in Oswestry.

Officers discovered that Roberts had a quantity of amphetamine and had a carpet fitter's knife in his pocket.

Debra White, for Roberts, said her client had a long standing problem with drugs.

She said he had been engaging well with the probation service before being spoken to by the police.

She said he accepted having the knife with him, but there was no suggestion he had it for any sinister purpose, the crown court in Shrewsbury was told.

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Farmer admires his new portrait

Report by Naomi Penrose

A FARMER from a village near Oswestry had the chance to take a good look at himself recently when he was invited to a town gallery.

Farmer Don Roberts features in a new exhibition at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry.

The characterful life-sized oil portrait of the farmer from Pontfadog near Oswestry has been completed by portrait and landscape painter Daniel J Yeomans.

Mr Yeomans, who studied in Florence and is now Montgomery-based, paints only from life under natural light.

The portrait is one of the centrepieces of a new exhibition at the gallery on Willow Street in the town.

The exhibition runs until January 14 next year and bosses at the Willow Gallery say it is well worth a look.

For more informatoin about Mr Yeomans work people can visit www.danieljamesyeomans.com

Exhibiting alongside Mr Yeomans is Kay Boyce's stunning 'Black on White' collection of pen-and-ink drawings.

The drawings were inspired by her love of trees and architecture.

The artist is well known for her exquisite studies from the world of dance, and bosses at the Willow Gallery say her new portfolio is a new and exciting venture into a different medium and subject for this renowned local artist.

For more information about her work people can visit www.kayboyce-originals.com.

A variety of workshops and courses run at the Willow Gallery on a regular basis. Full details and booking forms are on the gallery's website.

Farmer Don with his new portrait at the Willow Gallery

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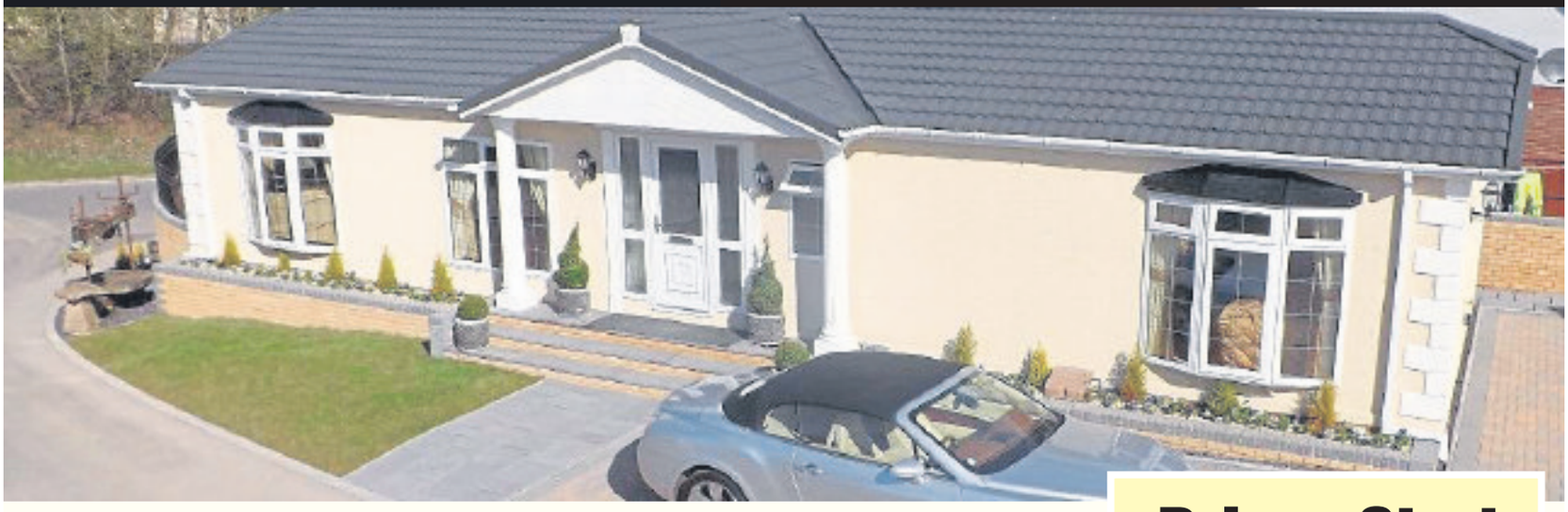

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Appointments are made by legion

AT the recent annual meeting of the Welshpool & District branch of the Royal British Legion the following appointments were made – president Ted Jones, chairman Nigel Lloyd, vice chair John Wiles, secretary Kim Lloyd, treasurer Helen Evans, standard bearer John Wiles and district delegate Alan Crowe.

Recent activities have seen members attend not only the Welshpool Festival of Remembrance but also those of Shrewsbury, Newtown and Telford, a visit to see the poppies at Caernarfon Castle, and the poppy launch at Albrighton.

Members have also been assisting the town council's groundsman in preparing the Memorial Garden for the Remembrance event.

The branch meets on the second Monday of the month.

Patients' waiting times are revealed

ONE in five people visiting A&E at Shropshire's two main hospitals had to wait four hours or more in September, new figures have revealed.

The figures for Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal showed 81.5 per cent of patients were dealt with in that time during September, the earliest figures available under the current format from NHS England.

The Government gold standard is that 95 per cent of patients should be seen in A&E within four hours of coming through the door.

Just over 11,500 patients were treated in the two A&Es last month, the lowest number since at least April, the figures show.

Despite that, September's performance was the poorest in at least five months.

In August, 11,843 A&E patients were treated in Shrewsbury and Telford, with 82.2 per cent seen inside four hours.

Spot checks to be carried out over hospital 'never events'

UNANNOUNCED inspections will take take place at Shropshire's major hospitals in a bid to tackle a spate of "extremely serious" medical mistakes.

The visits will take place after a series of "avoidable" incidents at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital.

A variety of foreign objects were left inside patients in 'never events' – named because they are mistakes that should never happen.

Sara Bailey, lead on nurse quality and patient safety with Shropshire CCG, said three never events had taken place at RSH in October.

There had also been another three never events previously.

The most recent incidents all involved foreign objects being left in patients after procedures.

Mrs Bailey said: "We will be doing unannounced visits going forward. In terms of making sure we gain the assurance, not just at the time of the visit but going forward, it will be bringing back the information and testing that with staff.

"There are extremely serious instances. There are serious consequences for the patients and their families."

All of the incidents at the hospitals will also be reported to NHS England.

Mrs Bailey said the report had been prepared because the three latest "retained foreign object" incidents had come after another in November 2015.

Mrs Bailey said that the CCG's accountable officer had written to the hospital regarding concerns over the incidents and had been told of measures to avoid any repeats.

The most recent three incidents involved guide wire and ribbon gauze being left in patients.

The patients involved were recalled for further treatment as a result.

Concerns have been raised about so-called never events at Shropshire's two main hospitals

The incidents came after another two serious mistakes reported by the hospital trust at the end of 2015 and another in August this year.

The first never event at the trust in more than three years was an incident which involved surgeons removing the wrong skin lesion in September 2015 at Telford's Princess Royal Hospital. The mistake was highlighted by a member of the patient's family and the patient was seen by a consultant. The patient subsequently underwent further surgery to remove the correct lesion.

In August this year a patient had the wrong tooth removed. A consultant attempted unsuccessfully to re-implant the tooth.

Dr Jessica Sokolov, clinical director of women and children's services, said: "It looks like those three really were avoidable, they should have been avoided."

Action call over county poverty level

TWENTY per cent of children in Shropshire are living in poverty, according to new figures.

The figures for 2015 have been released by the End Child Poverty Coalition, which is calling on the Government to end the freeze on children's benefits and reverse the sharp cuts being introduced to in-work benefits under Universal Credit.

The coalition has said more than 3.5 million children are living in poverty in the UK today.

The figure of 20 per cent for Shropshire and 28 per cent for Telford & Wrekin is less than Birmingham (37 per cent) and Wolverhampton (34 per cent) which are both in the top 20 for the highest levels of child poverty.

The coalition of charities, faith groups and unions is warning that the benefits freeze in place until the end of the decade will mean that as prices rise, low income families will find it increasingly hard to pay for the same basic essentials.

At the same time, recent cuts to in work support under Universal Credit further penalise low income working families – pushing more working families below the poverty line.

End Child Poverty is calling on the Government to use the upcoming Autumn Statement to end the freeze on children's benefits, and to reverse the sharp cuts being introduced to in-work benefits under Universal Credit.

Sam Royston, who is the chairman of End Child Poverty, said: "As the Prime Minister has rightly recognised, this is not a country that works for everyone.

"In every community, there are children being denied the happy childhoods and the good start in life other children take for granted.

"Our children are now twice as likely to be poor as our pensioners.

"Many families who are just about managing today, won't be managing tomorrow if Universal Credit leaves them with fewer pounds in their pocket, and if rising costs of living means their money doesn't stretch as far as it used to."

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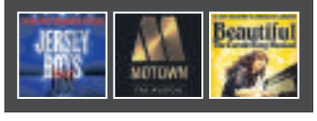
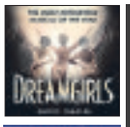
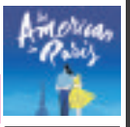

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Doctor tuning up for festive show

Report by Naomi Penrose

A DOCTOR will be swapping his stethoscope for a cello as he plays a starring role in a special Christmas concert at the hospital he works at.

Dr Mark Garton, a consultant physician who specialises in metabolics at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, will be one of the performers at the festive event on December 13.

He will be joined on stage at the hospital by renowned Scottish tenor Tom Morss, violinist Dean Oram, pianist Chris Symons and Shropshire-based chamber choir Cantiones. They – along with an audience of up to 150 – will take over the main entrance of the hospital for the concert.

The programme includes works by classical composors including Beethoven, Handel, Schubert and Benjamin Britten, as well as traditional carols for the audience to join in with.

Hospital chaplain The Rev Adrian Bailey will also be reading a Christmas blessing.

Dr Garton said: "We have put together a terrific programme, and I must thank Gerry Howe, conductor of the Cantiones Choir, for that.

"There really is something for everyone, with some well-known classical pieces performed by a fantastic group of very talented musicians."

The Christmas concert has become a regular fixture in the hospital calendar thanks to Dr Garton's hard work.

Tickets cost £15 for adults, which will include a glass of wine on entry. Tickets for under 16s will be free. They are available from the hospital post office, and from two shops in Oswestry – Outwhere Records in Beatrice Street and Rowanthorn in Old Chapel Court.

Dr Mark Garton with his cello as he swaps his clinic room for his music room in preparation for the Christmas concert

Friendly service awaits at town markets

Commercial feature

EVERYONE loves a festive bargain at Christmas time and there is few better places to look for one than at Oswestry's markets.

The Powis Hall indoor market has dozens of stalls offering a whole host of gift ideas as well as services and produce for any time of the year.

The market has remained an important part of Oswestry's retail scene and the stallholders not only give a friendly service but are also happy to share their experience and expertise no matter what you are looking for.

The market is a great time to visit any time of the year but in the run-up to Christmas it can really get shoppers into the festive spirit.

Oswestry not only boasts an indoor market but also has an outdoor market on the Bailey Head.

Markets have been a major part of the trading and historical importance of Oswestry and have existed for many centuries.

The first known charter was granted during the reign of Henry II when the town was known as Whiteminster.

The Powis Hall was the town hall or Guildhall until premises adjacent were built in 1782.

From this date until 1960 the building was used as a corn exchange, then as a butter and cheese market, and during the Second World War for emergency storage and for auxiliary fire service purposes.

The hall was reconstructed in 1963 to its present design and is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday throughout the year.

The indoor market enjoyed a revamp in 2012 after winning an online voting competition in The Times newspaper in association with design company, My Deco. The hall was nominated for the competition by one of its market traders and it won the prize of £50,000 which was given in kind – the estimated cost of the advice from designer Sir Terence Conran and materials.

The Powis Hall indoor market in Oswestry is full of friendly and knowledgeable stallholders

Oswestry indoor market offers a variety of services to suit all tastes

Various regular events are held in the market, including card making and craft sessions.

While some towns have neglected their traditional markets, Oswestry remains proud and supportive of its markets.

Recent research has shown markets are a valuable asset to any town. According to that research markets are worth an an estimated £10.5bn to the UK economy and markets and their related businesses and activities are a significant employer of local people.

Economic experts also say markets are valuable, particularly because they act as incubators to small and micro businesses, offering diversity of goods and encouraging new business start-ups.

Income from markets supports wider local authority services and markets are often inter-generational, employing extended family members, and offer entry-level employment for the low skilled.

Through markets, small businesses have direct access to individuals and local businesses, to whom they can become suppliers, encouraging diversity of goods and a strong sense of social cohesion;

Farmers can make significantly better profits selling direct to consumers at specialist markets than via supermarkets, contributing to the sustainability of farming, the traceability of food and a vital link between urban and rural life. Supporters say the atmosphere of markets attracts tourists and provides a town with a distinct identity and because they are used by all age groups and sections of society, markets promote strong social interaction.

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Chance to enjoy great festive music

TICKETS are now available for one of the most popular Christmas concerts in Oswestry.

Porthywaen Silver Band will be joining forces again with the Fron Male Voice Choir at Holy Trinity Church on December 10 to present a programme of festive and traditional music. The last two Christmas concerts involving the band and choir have been sold out and the many followers of the two groups are urged to buy tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are on sale from the Guildhall, Oswestry, band members and Rowanthorn, Oswestry

Now is also the time when the band is recruiting new members. Details are on the band website. Forthcoming engagements include performances at the British Ironwork Centre between 1pm and 3pm on December 11 and December 17. On December 12 the band can be found at Stan's Superstore in St Martins and Tesco at Ellesmere between midday and 2pm. The band will make its normal appearance in Church Street at Oswestry Christmas Live on December 2 and will lead the Oswestry Christmas Parade on December 3. The youth and training band has its own Christmas Concert at the Porthywaen Band Hall on December 16 with admission just £5. The young members of the band will also be in Llanfair Caereinion playing carols on December 2.

The senior band will be playing at Rhydycroesau Church on December 4, playing carols at the Boote Inn at Whittington on December 14 and at the Hope Church carol service at the Marches School on December 18. The youth and training band will perform at Ellesmere Town Hall on December 9 and at Llandysilio Church Carol Service on December 11.

Appeal bids to pay for funeral

A FUNDRAISING appeal has been launched to pay for the funeral of a much-loved Oswestry character.

Ernie Matthews, 66, who worked at Sainsbury's in Oswestry for more than 16 years and was well known in the town, died in early September.

But his funeral has not yet taken place because of a lack of provisions, his friends in the town have said. They want to raise money through a public appeal to meet the funeral costs.

And they have gone online in the hope of raising the money.

Simon Gittins, one of his former colleagues, has launched a crowdfunding page in the hope of raising £2,000 to cover the costs of a final farewell to Ernie. The page states: "In early September we all lost a dear friend.

"Sadly, Ernie did not have funeral provision in place.

"I would like to give him a fitting funeral so we can all show our love and respect to Ernie.

"He was much loved by staff and customers alike."

Scores of friends and former colleagues have taken to the page to donate what they can, as well as pay tribute to him.

To support the fund, visit https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/simon-gittins-1

Comic Ruby set to star at event

COMEDIENNE and writer Ruby Wax will be coming to Shropshire in the new year, as part of a rescheduled event that was cancelled earlier this year.

The renowned comic will be hosting 'An Evening of Mindfulness' in conjunction with Oswestry's Booka Bookshop on January 9 at the Lion Quays Hotel near Oswestry. It comes after the performer was due to launch Oswestry LitFest earlier this year at The Dining Rooms in Oswestry but had to postpone due to personal reasons.

The star was due to address a sold-out audience about her then newly released book 'A Mindfulness Guide for the Frazzled'. Announcing the news via its Facebook page, Booka posted: "We're excited to announce that our first event of 2017 will be with Ruby Wax! Join Ruby for 'An Evening of Mindfulness' on January 9 at The Lion Quays Hotel, Oswestry. Full details on our website with tickets available now through the shop and online via Eventbrite."

Knife Angel at standstill over police support issue

The Knife Angel has been built at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry

Sculptor Alfie Bradley with the Knife Angel's hands crafted from weapons

A HUGE angel sculpture made of blades confiscated or handed in as part of a knife amnesty may never be revealed because six police forces have failed to get behind it.

The British Ironwork Centre in Aston, near Oswestry, is behind the project and more than 100,000 knives have been taken off the streets and sent to the centre. However, Dyfed-Powys Police, Gwent, South Wales, Lincolnshire, Sussex and South Yorkshire are yet to send the centre any knives, leaving the project at a standstill.

Clive Knowles, chairman of the centre, said: "We can't even try and take the sculpture out of the studio until we get the remaining forces to action their surrender amnesty.

"Originally we pledged to to get 100,000 knives off the streets with the backing of all 43 forces. It's been created against and to raise awareness of Britain's issues with violent knife crime, so we're not able to unveil it until all constabularies are on board with it.

"We can't rest now, not this close to the finish line."

Tornado strength winds cause damage and chaos

Trees were felled by the winds including this one at Meifod

A farm barn at Newport in Shropshire was totally flattened

Report by Naomi Penrose

TORNADO winds knocked down trees, smashed windows and flipped caravans in Shropshire and Mid Wales, leaving thousands of pounds of damage and large areas without power.

Winds of up to 84mph brought chaos to large parts of the region.

It is believed a series of "mini tornadoes" swept across the area on Thursday last week.

Tim Sneddon, Shropshire Council's environmental maintenance service manager, said: "Some of our teams returned to the depot and said it is as bad as anything they have seen in their lifetime of working on highways."

Trees were felled and windows smashed at independent all-girls' school Adcote School in Little Ness, near Oswestry. Blocking on the school's driveway was also ripped out and the power failed as kitchen staff attempted to prepare lunch.

English teacher Katy Rink said: "Break time had just started and we suddenly noticed the leaves were flying by our windows horizontally. It was a furious tornado.

"We told the girls to keep away from the windows and then our front door blew in and our huge pictures in the lobby all blew off the walls and shattered. We also lost one of our beautiful window panels in the Great Hall. It was the most intense weather event I have ever experienced."

A number of roads across Shropshire and north Powys were blocked because of fallen down trees. Lee Evans, spokesman for Powys County Council, said highways staff based at the Welshpool office received 12 reports of trees falling in just a few minutes at about noon.

A broken window at the Great Hall of Adcote School

One of the trees that had been torn up at Adcote School in the freak weather

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Dental practice award finalists

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Operations director Susanne Ellis said: "The team worked exceptionally hard to achieve the award last year and would like to pass on our many thanks to our patients who, with their continuous loyalty and support, made this fantastic win possible."

This year sees The Dental Spa finalists in four categories: best young dentist – Adam Joy; best patient care; best team and best practice.

The awards evening is due to be held at the Athena in Leicester on Friday, November 25, with the winners being announced that evening.

The practice's vision is to achieve excellence in dentistry, using the best materials, best techniques and best practice, in an environment where all patients and staff are treated with dignity and respect, in a practice enjoyed by all.

Artist Sandra Thomas putting the finishing touches to the tree in the Royal Doulton room

Different decorations are brought in each year

Christmas treat awaits

If you have 52 rooms in your house, putting up decorations for the festive season may seem daunting.

But for the owners of one country mansion the task has become something to to be proud of – and an annual spectacle that marks the start of the Christmas period.

The Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir is now renowned across the region for its sumptuous decorations, which range from the traditional to the quirky, with each room distinct from the other.

The huge task of covering the house from top to toe in seasonal spirit is something that involves lots of people from the community at the village in Powys, near the south Shropshire border.

Owner Paul Humpherston, who bought the hall with wife Victoria in 1997, said: "We've been open to visitors for nine years now, and every year, from November 1 to January 6, we have all 52 rooms decorated for Christmas – and decorated to individual themes.

"I always say it goes from the sublime to the ridiculous and back to the sublime.

"Themes include a Royal Doulton room with a tree festooned with 77 figurines, a crystal room using 250 pieces of crystal, a Disney room, a button room and a Gothic house room. One room has got about 100 knitted figures in it, knitted by my wife and the ladies of Abbey Cwn Hir," Mr Humpherston said.

"Every year is different – new decorations come in and there are some decorations that we leave in storage.

"But even with the ones we re-use, we change the location of each theme every year.

"This is all the work of ourselves and people from Abbey Cwm Hir."

He said in particular those involved included blacksmith Brian Wilson, artist Sandra Thomas, soft furnishing maker Val Webb and general helper Karen Pugh.

"The reactions of people are just staggering to see," he said.

He added that the decorating of the house had become an annual tradition in the surrounding area, and a pilgrimage for many visitors.

To book a tour of the hall telephone 01597 851727 or email info@abbeycwmhir.com

Tiger team aiming high

Tiger Helicopters give instruction to people wanting to enjoy flying helicopters for a hobby and to those who want to pursue a career as a pilot.

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The UK school is beginning to grow again as the UK's economy recovers from a difficult recession. It remains firmly committed to its UK school and staff are delighted to see an upturn in students coming through their doors.

Whether it's UK or overseas students, the global demand for helicopter pilots is increasing rapidly. Tiger's ambition is to keep re-investing in the business to meet this growing need. Currently capacity would be 60 overseas students as well as a thriving UK school. As for the future? The sky's the limit…!

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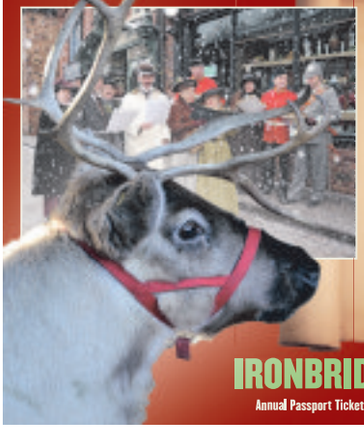

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Experience a Victorian Christmas at Blists Hill

Special Christmas weekends will take place on December 3 and 4 and December 10 and 11

Experience the magic of a Victorian Christmas at Blists Hill Victorian Town, near Ironbridge, over two weekends in December.

On December 3 and 4, and December 10 and 11, soak up the seasonal atmosphere from a bygone era and revel in traditional celebrations and entertainment as the townsfolk are busily making preparations for Christmas, 1800s style.

Take a step back in time as you stroll around the town; listen to tales of life more than 100 years ago in the cosy cottages, hum along to seasonal music from brass bands and choirs and tour the town on a horse-drawn cart.

See Father Christmas in his wonderful grotto and pet his reindeer before they start their mammoth journey around the world on Christmas Eve.

Traditional decorations

A perfect Victorian 'Christmas card scene', with a stunningly decorated Christmas tree, will be the centrepiece in the Goods Shed, where you can also make paper chains, write a letter to Father Christmas and leave a note on the Wishing Tree.

The air will be filled with music and laughter around the town with brass bands, carol singers and Punch & Judy shows.

Don't miss the dastardly villain, his principal enemy and the comical quack doctor, all dressed in garish garb in our traditional Shropshire Christmas Mummers Play. The Victorians loved these early forms of panto, and so will you.

A visit will be a great excuse to call in to the shops around the town, where you will find some unusual Christmas gifts like traditionally made cast-iron paperweights and doorstops, handmade plaster decorations, perfumed soaps, hand printed gift wrap, traditional sweets and Victorian Christmas cards.

One of the 10 Ironbridge Gorge Museums in Shropshire, Blists Hill will be open from 10am to 4pm on these Victorian Christmas weekends.

Entry is £17.95 for adults, £13.75 for 60 plus, £11.85 for children 5 to 18. A special Christmas Family Ticket (2+2) is available at £55 and under 5s are free.

A visit to Father Christmas is £3.50 extra per child including a gift to take home.

Print-at-home tickets can be purchased online or you can pay at the gate on arrival.

Annual passports are not valid for these weekends but current passport holders will receive a 25% discount on presentation of a valid annual passport ticket when paying on arrival.

For further information, call the Ironbridge Tourist Information Centre on 01952 433 424 or visit www.ironbridge.org.uk.

The Gorge is easily reached via the M54 motorway exiting at Telford junction 4 or 6.

Range of watches by top designer

Fabricius Green are delighted to present their new range of watches by world renowned designer Maurice Lacroix.

The Fiaba watch

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This particular watch is the Fiaba.

It is available as a 28mm or 32mm case, in steel or pink gold pvd plated and is set with 0.27ct diamonds in the bezel and a further 0.05ct on the dial.

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Christmas in Shropshire & Mid Wales

Plenty in store for music fans

The new SoundTouch 300 soundbar is available now from Acoustic Boutique in the Square, Shrewsbury. This great new speaker from Bose not only adds an extra dimension to your film and television viewing, but can also play your music using a simple to use app from your smart device. And if you add speakers in other rooms you can enjoy wireless multi-room listening and play the same music, or something different in each room.

Available for demonstration now in store, David Whittaker said: "Customers will be amazed by the fullness and clarity of the sound offered by the SoundTouch 300. But if they want even more, then the wireless Acoustimass 300 will add a whole new level of depth and bass."

With a range of Panasonic televisions available in store to complete a customer's Christmas viewing, Acoustic Boutique can offer a full installation service with all the back up of a local store with great product knowledge.

If you are looking for Christmas gift ideas for your music-loving family then there is a range of Bluetooth speakers and headphones in store too.

Santa Claus will be welcoming children and their parents to his grotto at Salop Leisure

Christmas arrives at Salop Leisure this weekend

An extra special welcome

Staff at a caravan, motorhome and campervan dealership and specialist plants centre will be pulling out all the stops to make this year's festive season extra special for customers.

Salop Leisure and Love Plants are turning their sales centres at Emstrey, Shrewsbury, into a winter wonderland, with a Santa's grotto in a log cabin, Christmas trees and plants for sale and a menu on offer in the Love Coffee restaurant.

The company is launching its new Santa's grotto on Saturday and Sunday when there will be entertainment by Christmas bellringers, carol singers, a pottery workshop and children's crafts area. The popular grotto will be open every weekend until Christmas as well as every day in the week leading up to December 25.

Complimentary children's face painting will be available on December, 10, 11, 17 and 18, entertainer Pop Up Princess Sophia I will be joining in the Christmas celebrations from 11am on December 4 and 18 and Shrewsbury Salvation Army Band will be paying a visit on December 9 and 16 to play Christmas carols between 11am to 2pm. To add to the Christmas atmosphere, Andy McKeown from Wild Strawberry will be providing a snow display light show every weekend the grotto is open. Visit to Santa in his grotto costs £7, which includes a professional photograph to take home.

Specialist plant centre Love Plants will have freshly cut Christmas trees, in sizes to suit all homes, available for sale from £18 from Saturday together with decorations and wreaths. Customers who spend more than £35 on Christmas trees between Saturday and December 24 will receive a £5 discount.

As part of its festive offering, Love Coffee restaurant will be selling a coffee and mince pies for two for £3.50 between 2pm and 4pm from December 1 to 24.

Tony Bywater, Salop Leisure's chairman, said: "We hope to attract hundreds of young families to Santa's grotto and our other Christmas attractions. Christmas is a special time of the year and it's important that we create some magic for our customers who have young families."

Gearing up for festivities

With Christmas fast approaching, towns and cities up and down the country are getting ready for the festive season.

The town of Welshpool is no different and plans are already in place for another superb Christmas time. The switching-on of the town's Christmas lights will take place on Friday, December 2. One of the biggest events in the area around the festive season is the Welshpool Winter Festival. This year the festival takes place on Saturday, December 3. As you would expect the town centre festival is jam packed with activities and attractions for people of all ages. One of the main attractions which proved popular in recent years is a traditional Christmas street market, giving visitors a chance to pick up and browse through some great festive gift ideas.

And to add to the festive spirit, there will be entertainment put on throughout the day and throughout the town. Among the groups taking part in the Winter Festival is the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust.

Once again this year the trust will be giving visitors a chance to make their own eco-friendly Christmas decorations with natural materials.

All ages can have a go at creating unique and charming ornaments for the house or garden.

Also on Saturday, December 3, there will be a farmers market at Coed y Dinas from 9am to 2pm with a chance to pick up some of the essentials to ensure a fantastic Christmas celebration.

PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Traditional house with later extensions is in idyllic setting

GOBOWEN £475,000

Plas Gwyn, Daywell, Gobowen is a period property with two paddocks and an attractive garden plot.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £475,000. Daywell is a small rural residential hamlet situated approximately 1.25 miles from Gobowen village with its excellent local facilities and main line railway station. The property is a traditional rendered and slated house with later extensions. The spacious accommodation has oil fired central heating and Rayburn and has scope for improvement. In more detail the entrance hall is carpeted and the dual aspect lounge is carpeted and has an attractive marble fireplace. The dining room has a fireplace with a solid fuel burner and fitted carpet.

The kitchen has modern fitted units with matching wall and base cupboards with worktops, a stainless steel sink unit, a four burner electric hob, integrated microwave and oven, plumbing for dishwasher and tiled flooring. The kitchen is served by a utility room which includes a stainless steel sink unit, plumbing for a washing machine and quarry tiled flooring. There is also a cloakroom/WC and a store and a cellar. The property also has a conservatory with a ceiling fan, light and power, two sets of doors and a ceramic tiled floor.

Off the first floor landing, bedroom one has a fireplace and a cylinder cupboard. Bedroom two has a fireplace and fitted carpeting as does bedroom three.

The bathroom has a white suite comprising of a bath, low level WC and a pedestal wash hand basin.

Outside, the property is accessed via a tarmacadam driveway providing ample car parking and a turning area. This leads to a detached garage/stable with a up and over front doors. It is a good sized stable. There are Photovoltaics on the roof which drastically reduce electricity costs to the property. There is also a single detached open fronted garage. The garden is large and walled. Perfect for a family it is laid mainly to lawn with a greenhouse and a small pond with a water feature and stocked with several mature trees and shrubs. There is also a fruit orchard with a range of timber store sheds and adjoining the property are two fields totally around 3.5 acres which are ideal for keeping horses or stock. One of the fields has a road frontage.

KEY FEATURES

- Three double bedrooms
- Two paddocks
- Orchard
- Garage
- Garden

TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Under Floor Heating
- Private Position
- Well Maintained

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OSWESTRY

- Detached Bungalow
- Spacious Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway and Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Upvc Double Glazing

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CHIRK BANK

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- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Off-Road Parking
- Garage
- Workshop
- Large Garden

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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Well Maintained

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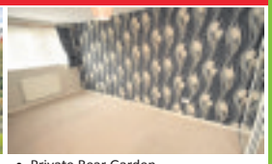

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- Gas Central Heating

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- UPVC Double Glazing
- En-suite

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- Two Bedrooms
- Cottage Style Property
- Easy Access ToTown Centre
- Electric Heating
- Secure Gated Courtyard

£125,000

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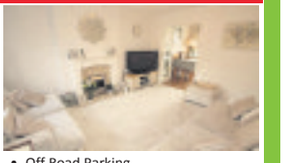

- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Off Road Parking
- Edge Of Town Location
- Upvc Double Glazing

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- Victorian End Terrace
- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Close to Town
- Well Maintained Throughout
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating

£167,500

GOBOWEN

- Take a Second Look
- Not What it Seems
- Four Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite

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WHITTINGTON

- Victorian Semi-Detached
- Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented Throughout

£175,000

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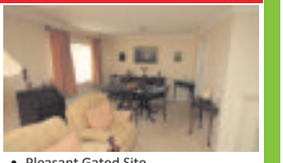
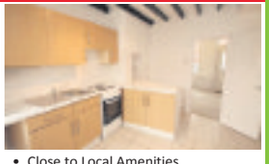


- Modern Detached Park Home
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite Facilities
- Pleasant Gated Site
- Gardens
- Driveway

£99,950

OSWESTRY



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- Recently Refurbished
- Close to Local Amenities
- Excellent Road/Rail Links
- Gas Central Heating

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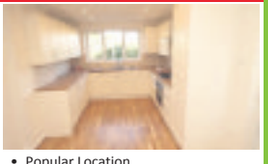

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- Close To Town Centre

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- First Time Buy
- Victorian Semi-Detached Cottage
- Two Bedrooms

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- Convenient Location

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- Ground Floor Apartment
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- Conservatory

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- In Need of Modernisation

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- EPC Rating

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- 3 Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
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- In the quiet hamlet of Morton
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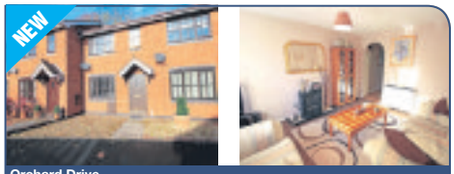

NEW

Orchard Drive
West Felton — **£124,995**

- A modern well presented 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Situated in the popular village of West Felton being
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner and Conservatory
- 2 good size Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Enclosed paved garden and off road parking to the side.
- Hardwood double glazing,
- Storage heaters and electric radiators. EPC Rating E (54)
- NO CHAIN

NEW

Oaklands Road
Chirk Bank — **£139,995**

- Well proportioned two bedroom semi-detached property
- Situated in the sought after location of Chirk Bank
- Views over open countryside & overlooking the Llangollen Canal to rear
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, shared drivewa, parking area and garage
- UPVC double glazing and electric central heatin. EPC Rating G
- NO CHAIN

Oswald Place
Oswestry — **£124,950**

- 3 Bed Town House with Original Features
- Within Walking Distance of Town Centre
- Kitchen Lounge, Cloakroom
- 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Master Bed with adj Dressing Room
- Private Courtyard Garden
- Gas Central Heating, D/G. EPC Rating F

Lakeholme Gardens
Oswestry — **£224,950**

- An immaculately presented 5 Bedroom, 3 Storey Townhouse
- Situated in close walking proximity to the town centre of Oswestry and Cae Glas Park.
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Room and En-Suite.
- Good size enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking space
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC rating

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- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating E '51'

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- LP Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. EPC Rating C (76)

Old Post Office Lane
Trefonen — **£275,000**

- A fully renovated 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow set within a plot extending to 0.35 acre
- Situated in an elevated position with views towards open countryside
- The property has been fully renovated to a high specification throughout
- Open plan Kitchen - Living Area, Utility Room, Cloaks
- 3 Bedrooms, master bed with en-suite, Bathroom
- Raised veranda leading off Living Area
- Large gravel driveway and detached single garage.
- Brand new uPVC double glazing and Oil C/H. EPC Rating E (49)

Plough Bank
Weston Rhyn — **£119,995**

- A well maintained and deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Situated within the popular village of Weston Rhyn
- Entrance Hall/Study, Lounge and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Enclosed front and rear gardens with allocated parking to the rear
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- EPC Rating

The Meads
Weston Rhyn — **£119,950**

- A most delightful and spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, fitted kitchen/berakfast room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Newly fitted Gas fired boiler & D/G
- Good sized gardens to front & rear
- Off road parking provision
- EPC Rating C '76'

Ardmillan Close, Oswestry — **£314,995**

- Rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House with a self contained 2 Bed Annex
- The main house accommodation:Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, kitchen
- Rear Hall, Utility & Cloaks, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathrm & Separate Shower Rm
- The annex accommodation: Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Both having gas central heating and double glazing
- Ample off road parking and garage together with enclosed gardens

Cherry Tree Dr
St Martins — **£123,999**

- NO CHAIN
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Rm
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Well maintained gardens to front & rear
- Ample off road parking
- uPVC D/G, electric storage heaters
- Cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating D (62)

Regent Court
Oswestry — **£120,000**

- Well appointed 2 Bed 1st Flr Apartment
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- Sep Shower Rm, Secure car parking
- 24 hour resident secretary, communal lounge & garden
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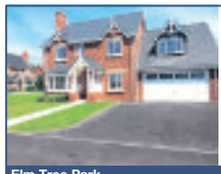
- EPC Rating C '71'

Castle Street
Oswestry — **£100,000**

- Spacious 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Contains a host of original features
- Ent Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Additional Attic Room
- slabbed area to the front.
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating



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JJD900

GUIDE PRICE £430,000

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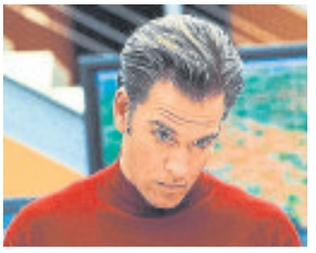
Michael McIntyre's Big Show
8pm
The comedian's entertainment revue continues, as he invites fellow comedy star Sarah Millican to take to the stage, and indie-pop singer-songwriter Tom Odell also performs. It's Carol Vorderman's turn to take up residence in the royal box, and Michael harrasses her friends and family via Sent To All.

International Rugby Union
6pm
England v Australia. John Inverdale presents. England coach Eddie Jones picked the uncapped Sale full-back Mike Haley, Saracens fly-half Alex Lozowski, Bath lock Charlie Ewels, Harlequins prop Kyle Sinckler, Wasps forward Nathan Hughes and Worcester centre Ben Te'o for this series.

Meet the Parents
7pm
Manchester's Olivia Davidson-Slack, and Will Oakley from Southampton take part in the dating show. Both Olivia and Will must decide which of three potential suitors they would like to accompany on a date, but must make their choice by interviewing their would-be sweetheart's families.

Britain at Low Tide
8pm
Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands conclude their maritime history of Britain with a visit to Essex. There, they investigate the earthwork remains of a fort dating back to the days of Henry VIII and the Reformation. The pair pay their respects to some Thames sailing barges.



NCIS
7.05pm
Three similar execution-style killings take place, and the team discovers one of the victims was going through a messy divorce. His widow falls under suspicion of committing the first two crimes to mask the murder of her husband – but, unfortunately for the agents, she has an alibi.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Michel Roux Jr takes on hosting duties as Countdown's Rachel Riley submits herself to food heaven or hell. With kitchen guests Tom Kitchin and Adam Byatt.
11.30 **James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas.** Tips for making gourmet gifts. (R)
12.00 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests review the week's action and look ahead to forthcoming fixtures, including Manchester City v Chelsea and Everton v Manchester United.
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Coverage of the opening semi-final on the 11th day at the Barbican Centre in York, as the prestigious ranking tournament continues. Coverage continues on BBC2.
4.30 **Final Score.** A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.25 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Lisa Maxwell, Gary Delaney, Simon Greenall and Conor McNamara. (R)
5.55 **BBC News.**
6.05 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.10 **Pointless Celebrities.** Soap stars Joe Swash and John Altman, Nick Pickard and Ali Bastian, Victoria Bush and Zaraah Abrahams, and Sharon Maughan and Tina Hobley take part in the unorthodox quiz show. (R)
7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Musicals Week arrives in the ballroom, as the five remaining celebrities and their professional dance partners seek to dazzle the judges with routines from hit shows. As always, once the dances are complete, voting lines will open, giving members of the public a chance to have their say on this evening's performances.
8.00 **Michael McIntyre's Big Show.** Michael invites Sarah Millican to take to the stage, and singer-songwriter Tom Odell also performs. Plus, Westlife's Shane Filan spring a surprise on this week's Unexpected Star.
9.00 **Casualty.** Ethan struggles to bury his feelings for Alicia, as she and Cal become increasingly intimate, while Charlie and Duffy announce their relationship.
9.50 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin presents the all-important winning numbers.
10.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League games, including Manchester City v Chelsea at the Etihad Stadium and West Ham United v Arsenal at the Olympic Stadium; **National Lottery Update.**
11.45 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world, joined by former Super Bowl winners Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell.
12.15 FILM: **Dragonfly (2002).** Supernatural drama, with Kevin Costner and Susanna Thompson.
1.55 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
2.00 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 FILM: **Mighty Joe Young (1949).** A woman sells her giant gorilla to a nightclub owner, but the teasing of the drunken clientele sends the ape on a violent rampage. Adventure, with Terry Moore and Robert Armstrong.
7.30 FILM: **Ray Harryhausen: Special Effects Titan (2011).** A tribute to the acclaimed visual effects artist, who created the stop-motion animated creatures from movies including Jason and the Argonauts and Clash of the Titans.
9.00 **Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge.** Documentary providing an insight into the lives of chimpanzees in Uganda's Kyambura Gorge, a deep, forested ravine running through the heart of the African savannah. (R)
10.00 **Secret Britain.** Ellie Harrison and Adam Henson explore North Yorkshire, visiting Britain's highest pub, the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey and a farmer whose dad uncovered a Roman villa while ploughing. (R)
11.00 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore a bungalow in Devon, a three-bedroom house in Cumbria and an end-of-terrace in south-east London. (R)
12.00 **The Best Dishes Ever.** A selection of dishes using game. (R)
12.30 **Hairy Bikers' Best of British.** Si King and Dave Myers celebrate British beef. (R)
1.30 FILM: **Rebecca (1940).** The naive second wife of a wealthy Cornish landowner is forced to live in the shadow of her glamorous predecessor. Romantic thriller, starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine.
3.35 **Flog It!** From Wellington College in Berkshire.
4.30 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Further coverage of the opening semi-final on the 11th day at the Barbican Centre in York, as the prestigious ranking tournament continues.
6.00 **International Rugby Union.** England v Australia. John Inverdale presents highlights from Twickenham, where the autumn international schedule was completed with this match against the touring Wallabies.
7.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Coverage of the second semi-final on the 11th day at the Barbican Centre in York, as the prestigious ranking tournament continues. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
10.00 **Mock the Week.** James Acaster, Rob Beckett, Ed Gamble, Sara Pascoe and John Robins join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis. (R)
10.30 **The Dresser.** Drama based on Ronald Harwood's successful play, about an ageing actor and his personal assistant. Starring Anthony Hopkins. (R)
12.15 FILM: **Ill Manors (2012).** A chain of violent events has repercussions for various residents of a London council estate struggling to survive. Drama, with Riz Ahmed.
2.10 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.35** Signed Stories: Share a Story **6.40** Thunderbirds Are Go **7.00** Super 4 **7.15** Oddbods
7.25 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
7.30 **Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** The mischievous youngster breaks the rule of a lifetime. (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Looped.**
8.30 **Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** Fun for children. (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 FILM: **Carry On Girls (1973).** Comedy, starring Sid James.
11.10 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Calum Best and Denise Welch. (R)
11.55 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.05 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
1.05 **Cash Trapped.** Quiz, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
2.05 FILM: **St Trinian's (2007).** An anarchic girls' boarding school is threatened with closure, so the mischievous pupils dabble in art theft to save it. Comedy, with Rupert Everett.
4.00 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** An explorer goes in search of the lost city of Atlantis.
4.20 **The Chase.** Quiz show. (R)
5.25 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
5.40 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Contestants Harry Redknapp, Denise Van Outen and Audley Harrison answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Last in the series.
7.00 **Meet the Parents.** Manchester's Olivia Davidson-Slack, and Will Oakley from Southampton interview the families of potential sweethearts in the unorthodox dating show. Last in the series.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Tensions reach fever pitch as the semi-finals arrive, and the remaining four acts once again take to the stage to perform in front of the judges, and the voting public at home. At the end of tonight's show, voting lines will open, providing viewers at home with a chance to have their say ahead of tomorrow's results show.
9.30 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces' ordeal in the Australian jungle draws tantalisingly close to its conclusion.
10.35 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.50 FILM: **10,000 BC (2008).** A young mammoth-hunter crosses the wilderness to rescue his lover and fellow villagers from slave raiders. Prehistoric fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait and Camilla Belle.
12.45 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.10 **Gillette World Sport.** A look at some of America's top baseball stars.
6.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray seeks Robert's help at Christmas. (R)
7.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Frank is caught out in a supermarket. (R)
7.30 **Frasier.** The shrink reads about himself in a novel. (R)
7.55 **Frasier.** Eddie impregnates a neighbour's dog. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** The shrink arranges a date for Daphne. (R)
9.00 **The Morning Line.** Racing preview from Sandown Park.
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon spills one of Leonard's secrets. (R)
10.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** A petty argument between Leonard and Sheldon creates a rift among their friends. (R)
10.55 **The Simpsons.** Homer's half-brother returns. (R)
11.25 **The Simpsons.** Bart and Lisa visit Kamp Krusty. (R)
11.55 **The Simpsons.** With the voice of Drew Barrymore. (R)
12.30 **Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
1.25 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Sandown Park and Aintree.
4.00 **Jamie's Super Food.** Jamie Oliver visits Sardinia and South Korea. (R)
4.30 **Location, Location, Location.** House-hunting in the Peak District. (R)
5.35 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A couple from Brighton look for a home in Almeria, Spain.
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **China: Between Clouds and Dreams.** A novice monk prepares to begin a new life in Wumingsi, China's largest Tibetan monastery, and a crusading reporter tries to put a stop to "electro-fishing". Last in the series.
8.00 **Britain at Low Tide.** Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands visit Essex to investigate the earthwork remains of a Tudor fort, and spot a First World War German U-boat stranded in a creek. Last in the series.
9.00 FILM: **Now You See Me (2013).** An FBI agent investigates four magicians who use their lavish stage shows as cover for seemingly impossible heists. Crime thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Ruffalo.
11.15 FILM: **GI Joe: Retaliation (2013).** An elite military team battles a terrorist organisation that has replaced the US president with an imposter. Action adventure sequel, with Dwayne Johnson and Bruce Willis.
1.20 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Warren offers to help Ste get back at Ryan, and Ellie tells Mercedes that Sandy wants Lexi and JJ to live with her in South Africa. (R)
3.25 **Location, Location, Location.** Phil Spencer revisits a Warwickshire family who needed a home with space for three racing camels, and a couple in Essex who had £1million to spend. (R)
4.20 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** Featuring a farmer's project to build a traditional Highland bothy. (R)
5.15 **Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.25** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.00** Seaside Antics **7.05** Fireman Sam **7.15** Pip Ahoy! **7.35** Little Princess **7.50** Paw Patrol **8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.35** Noddy in Toyland **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.05** Shimmer and Shine **9.30** Peppa Pig **9.40** Peppa Pig
9.50 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The turtles must prove themselves worthy to an aquatic alien queen. (R)
10.25 **The Gadget Show.** Jon Bentley tries to answer the perennial question of whether to upgrade one's phone. (R)
11.25 FILM: **This Christmas (2007).** Comedy drama, starring Delroy Lindo.
1.35 FILM: **A Fairytale Christmas (2013).** Romantic drama, starring C Thomas Howell and Haylie Duff.
3.20 FILM: **A Belle for Christmas (2014).** Premiere. Family adventure, starring Dean Cain.
5.10 FILM: **Mrs Miracle (2009).** Family drama, starring Doris Roberts.
7.05 **NCIS.** Three similar execution-style killings take place, and the agents suspect the wife of one of the victims – but, unfortunately for them, she has an alibi. Starring Michael Weatherly. (R)
8.00 **NCIS: New Orleans.** A bomb is detonated in the city, and when Russo reveals Homeland Security was aware of the threat, Brody must ask some probing questions about his agenda. Last in the series.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Leeds United v Aston Villa, and Birmingham City v Barnsley.
10.20 FILM: **The Frozen Ground (2013).** Premiere. A state trooper tries to bring a serial killer to justice with the help of the only woman to escape from him. Fact-based crime drama, with Nicolas Cage and John Cusack.
12.15 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **The Boy Who Can't Stay Awake.** Documentary featuring a young woman allergic to almost everything, a teenage footballer who falls asleep for days, and a 23-year-old student forced to live life like a 90-year-old. (R)
4.00 **Celebrity Botched Up Bodies.** Leading surgeons repair household names damaged by cosmetic surgery, beginning with actress Danniella Westbrook, who has baggy skin after several boob jobs. (R)
4.50 **House Doctor.** A property in Spennymoor, Co Durham. (R)
5.15 **House Doctor.** A bland property near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** Bindi is jealous of Jess's new coat. (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

Countryfile
6.20pm
The team explores Lincolnshire, where John Craven meets a farmer harvesting sprouts in time for Christmas and finds out about an attempt to cross-breed the traditional festive vegetable with kale. Anita Rani discovers how robots are being used to pull up weeds, reducing the need for chemicals.

QI XL
11pm
David Mitchell, Noel Fielding and Holly Walsh join Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate the theme of 'night'. As usual, correctness and even intelligence go out of the window as the questions are so difficult points are awarded for the answers its questionmaster finds most interesting.

The Next Great Magician
7pm
Stephen Mulhern and Rochelle Humes present another batch of spectacular magical displays, with the Wanted's Tom Parker and the cast of TOWIE on hand to assist the performers with their show. The programme features a double-act who perform a mind-reading routine.

Escape to the Chateau
8pm
Fresh from the success of hosting a three-day wedding at the chateau, Dick and Angel make business plans for the grounds, intending to charge people to fish in the moat and forage in the woods. Angel starts work on a second guest suite, but also wants to install an elevator.

Green Lantern
10pm
Premiere. A cocky test pilot is given a ring by a dying alien and transported to another world, where he learns he has been recruited into a galactic peacekeeping organisation. He trains to use the powers the ring grants him, and returns to Earth to defend it. Sci-fi adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League games, including Manchester City v Chelsea at the Etihad Stadium and West Ham United v Arsenal at the Olympic Stadium. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Fern Britton Meets Nigel Benn.** The boxer discusses how converting to Christianity changed his life.
11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** Presented by Andrew Neil.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Two teams search for items at Kent County Showground in Detling. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Escape to the Country.** Nicki Chapman helps a buyer move to Cornwall. (R)
1.45 **FA Cup Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents updates, scores, news and goals from today's FA Cup second-round matches, as well as reaction to today's Premier League fixtures.
4.20 **Planet Earth II.** Animals that live in deserts. (R)
5.20 **Songs of Praise.** Hugh Dennis celebrates the 90th anniversary of the Radio 4 Christmas Appeal.
5.55 **BBC News.**
6.10 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.20 **Countryfile.** The team explores Lincolnshire, where John Craven meets a farmer harvesting sprouts for Christmas and Anita Rani discovers how robots are being used to pull up weeds. Including weather for the week ahead.
7.20 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show and reveal who will not be going through to the semi-finals. Featuring music from Elaine Paige.
8.00 **Planet Earth II.** Wildlife that inhabit the world's grasslands, exploring how animals adapt to survive in areas that endure some of the most dramatic seasonal changes seen in the world.
9.00 **My Mother and Other Strangers.** Rose's sister Vera arrives in Moybeg for her annual visit and takes a liking to Captain Dreyfuss, forcing Rose to open up about her feelings for the American officer.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, as Bournemouth faced Liverpool at the Vitality Stadium and Everton hosted Manchester United at Goodison Park.
11.35 **Sunny D.** Dane dreads having to introduce Nicola's father, who despises him, to his own parents. The meeting is made even more stressful when it clashes with a work football match.
11.55 **Citizen Khan.** Mr Khan wants to meet Alia's boyfriend's parents, but finds the boy is nervous at the prospect – leading to a sweaty confrontation in a sauna. Harry Enfield guest stars. (R)
12.25 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.30 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **The A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at subjects beginning with the letter R. (R)
6.45 **Big Dreams Small Spaces.** Monty Don meets a truck driver from Wakefield who hopes to create the perfect outside space for his girlfriend and family, and a widow who wants a cottage-style garden in Swindon. (R)
7.45 **Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein.** The horticulturist prepares for winter. (R)
8.15 **Carol Klein's Plant Odysseys.** The biology and cultural significance of irises. (R)
8.45 **Countryfile.** The team explores the Brecon Beacons. (R)
9.45 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Matt Tebbutt presents highlights from throughout the series, offering viewers a chance to revisit some of their favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen.
11.15 **International Rugby Union.** England v Australia. (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Mark Chapman presents football discussion.
1.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Coverage of the opening session of the final from the Barbican Centre in York, as the tournament widely regarded as the second-most prestigious on the calendar continues. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
6.00 **MOTD: FA Cup Highlights.** Manish Bhasin presents action from the second-round matches, which saw the remaining 40 teams battle it out for a potentially lucrative spot in round three.
7.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** Coverage of the second session of the final from the Barbican Centre in York, as the tournament widely regarded as the second-most prestigious on the calendar concludes. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
11.00 **QI XL.** David Mitchell, Noel Fielding and Holly Walsh join Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate questions on the theme of "night" in an extended edition of the panel show.
11.45 **Jazzie B's 1980s: From Dole To Soul.** The Soul II Soul frontman opens up about the decade that made his career, and the against-the-odds story of a young black British musician who became a chart-topping artist. (R)
12.45 FILM: **Three Fugitives (1989).** A reformed bank robber is an innocent bystander in a heist, but when he is assumed to be guilty he goes on the run with the actual crook. Comedy, with Nick Nolte and Martin Short.
2.20 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** The team explores the Brecon Beacons, where Matt Baker finds out about a new kind of treasure hunt and Helen Skelton helps out with sheep trekking and rescuing fish. (R)
3.15 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Matteo's arrival irritates Jac, and Dominic gets emotionally embroiled in a challenging case which exposes cracks in his relationship with Isaac. (R)
4.15 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Sooty **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.00** Super 4 **7.15** Oddbods
7.25 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!**
7.30 **Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy. (R)
7.50 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** (R)
8.10 **Scrambled!: Looped.**
8.30 **Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.** An explorer goes in search of the lost city of Atlantis.
9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** (R)
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **Bear Grylls Survival School.** The youngsters complete the survival challenge. Last in the series.
10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
11.00 **Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury.** The presenter ventures towards Cumbria's High Cup Nick. (R)
11.30 **Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel.** With guest Warwick Davis. (R)
12.30 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.35 **The Chase.** Celebrity version of the quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
1.35 **The X Factor.** Tensions reach fever pitch as the semi-finals arrive. (R)
3.05 **Midsomer Murders.** Barnaby investigates the murder of a local councillor. (R)
5.00 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **Off Their Rockers.** Louie Spence checks out Seb's dancing skills, Pamela gives away her internet history, and Marry needs help cleaning up after her dog.
7.00 **The Next Great Magician.** The Wanted's Tom Parker and the cast of TOWIE are on hand to assist another group of magicians with their performances, which include mind-reading and levitation acts.
8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary reveals which acts are guaranteed a place in next week's final. The remaining performers must compete in a sing-off before one more is eliminated from the contest.
9.00 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the final of the 16th series, as the remaining three famous faces take on the last challenges in the Australian jungle.
10.35 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.50 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)
11.50 **Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights from the 10th round of fixtures, which included Sale Sharks v Exeter Chiefs, Bath v Saracens, and Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints.
12.40 **Jackpot247.**
3.00 **Motorsport UK.**
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

Channel 4

6.10 **The King of Queens.** The Heffernans stage a robbery. (R)
6.35 **The King of Queens.** Doug convinces Carrie to sell her hair. (R)
7.00 **The King of Queens.** Doug lies to Carrie. (R)
7.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray clashes with a radio presenter. (R)
7.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Robert decides to propose to Amy. (R)
8.25 **Frasier.** Niles prepares for the demands of fatherhood. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** Martin's favourite bar is set to be demolished. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Professor Brian Cox, Pete Tong and Jeremy Irvine.
12.30 **Jamie's Cracking Christmas.** Jamie Oliver whips up some of his favourite festive dishes. (R)
1.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Sheldon try to meet one of their idols. (R)
1.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Howard finds out that he has a half-brother. (R)
2.20 **The Simpsons.** Bart is banned from seeing the new Itchy and Scratchy film. (R)
2.50 **The Simpsons.** Marge decides to get a job. (R)
3.20 FILM: **School of Rock (2003).** Comedy, starring Jack Black.
5.35 FILM: **Miracle on 34th Street (1994).** Christmas family drama remake, with Richard Attenborough.
7.35 **Channel 4 News.**
8.00 **Escape to the Chateau.** Fresh from the success of a wedding at the chateau, Dick and Angel make business plans for the grounds, intending to charge people to fish in the moat and forage in the woods.
9.00 **Humans.** Milo reveals his true intentions to Athena. Max decides to start a new community of synths, and takes matters into his own hands when he learns how far Leo is prepared to go.
10.00 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.05 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words and numbers quiz. (R)
12.05 **The Last Leg.** A comic review of the past seven days. (R)
1.00 **60 Days in Jail.** Department store security guard Jeff enters as the last volunteer. (R)
1.50 FILM: **A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Reflecting on Existence (2014).** Two travelling salesmen get a taste of life's darker side as they struggle to sell a range of joke shop products. Comedy, starring Holger Andersson and Nils Westblom.
3.35 **Shipping Wars UK.** Stu and Jemma move three sports cars to a charity event in London. (R)
4.10 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A project to transform a Victorian railway signal box into a summerhouse. (R)
5.05 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie and Phil search for homes in Cambridgeshire. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.25** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.00** Seaside Antics **7.05** Fireman Sam **7.15** Pip Ahoy! **7.30** Little Princess **7.45** Paw Patrol **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.30** Noddy in Toyland **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.55** Shimmer and Shine **9.25** Peppa Pig **9.35** Peppa Pig **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The heroes end up in an alternate reality. (R)
10.30 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (R)
11.50 **Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong. (R)
12.20 FILM: **The 12 Gifts of Christmas (2015).** Premiere. Comedy, starring Katrina Law.
2.05 FILM: **Call Me Claus (2001).** Christmas family drama, starring Whoopi Goldberg.
3.50 FILM: **Deck the Halls (2006).** Christmas comedy, starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick.
5.45 **5 News Weekend.**
5.50 FILM: **Bulletproof Monk (2003).** A mysterious Tibetan monk battles modern-day Nazis while training a thief to be his successor. Martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott and Jaime King.
7.40 FILM: **Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008).** The demon hero battles a renegade elf prince, who plans to reawaken an unstoppable robot army and destroy mankind. Action fantasy sequel, starring Ron Perlman and Selma Blair. Edited for violence and language. Includes 5 News Update at 8.40pm.
10.00 FILM: **Green Lantern (2011).** Premiere. A pilot joins a galactic peacekeeping force with incredible powers and defends Earth from an alien attack. Sci-fi adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively. Includes 5 News Updat at 11pm.
12.15 FILM: **Zoolander (2001).** A dim male model's career starts to decline and he fails to realise he is a pawn in a dangerous game of international espionage. Comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson.
1.50 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Tour de Celeb.** Eight familiar faces train to tackle one of the toughest stages of the Tour de France. (R)
4.00 **Tattoo Disasters UK.** Featuring a granny whose tribute tattoo turns deadly. (R)
4.25 **Tattoo Disasters UK.** Body art tributes to family members. (R)
4.50 **House Doctor.** A cluttered B&B on the Norfolk coast. (R)
5.15 **House Doctor.** A cluttered home in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. (R)
5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** Wendy is scared of Fatima's mum. (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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Derek

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(Mick)

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2011 61	**MINI COOPER 2.0 SD CLUBMAN** 5dr, Sat Nav, Red & Black, One Owner, 36,000 miles, FSH, £30 Road Tax	£10,999
2005 05	**MINI COOPER 1.6 3 DOOR,** Silver Metallic with Black Roof & Mirrors, 78,600 Miles, Reverse Sensors, FSH,	£3,499
2011 11	**NISSAN QASHQAI N-TEC DCi** 5 Door, Red Metallic, 19,900 miles, Sat Nav, Dual Climate Control, FSH	£10,499
2006 56	**NISSAN NOTE Automatic Petrol.** Cafe Late Metallic, 73,000 miles	£3,499
2010 59	**NISSAN NOTE 1.4 AUTO 5-door TEKNA** 78,000 miles sat nav Bluetooth	£4,199
2007 57	**OPEL ANTARA CDTi 4WD MANUAL** Metallic Blue, 74,000 miles	£7,499
2015 65	**PEUGEOT 108 ACTIVE** 3-door. Blue, One Owner, Air Con, Bluetooth, 6200 miles, Zero Road Tax	£6,999
2007 56	**PEUGEOT 207 1.4S 3 DOOR,** Red, 63,600, Air Con, Electric Windows, Service History,	£2,499
2013 13	**PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi SPORT** 5 door. Manual, Metallic Silver, 54,000 miles, One Owner	SOLD
2007 07	**PEUGEOT 407 COUPE 3.0 V6 Manual** Metallic Black Red leather 52,000 miles	£2,999
2014 14	**RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCi M-NAV 5 DOOR,** Blue Metallic with Black Roof, 27,000 Miles, FSH, Zero Road Tax	£9,999
2012 61	**RENAULT TWINGO 1.6 RS SILVERSTONE GP** Red, 64,000 miles, 1 Owner, FSH	£4,799
2010 10	**RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE 1.5 DCI TOM TOM ESTATE,** Silver Metallic, 51,400 Miles, £20 Road Tax	£4,999
2012 62	**SEAT EXEO SE 2.0 TDi** 4 Door, Black with Black Leather, 39,000 Miles, Sat Nav, Rear Sensors, FSH	£9,499
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2009 59	**TOYOTA AURIS 1.4 VVTi LIMITED EDITION,** Grey Metallic, 61,000 Miles, 2 Owners	SOLD
2009 59	**TOYOTA AURIS 1.4 VVTI** 5-door Manual Metallic Grey 62,000 miles	SOLD
2013 13	**VAUXHALL CASCADA SE 2.0 CDTi CONVERTIBLE,** Blue Metallic, Electric Hood, 15,000 Miles, One Owner, FSH,	£11,999
2009 09	**VAUXHALL CORSA 1.3 CDTI** 5-door Manual Metallic Blue 62,000 miles FSH cheap road tax	SOLD
2013 13	**VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 S** 5-door, Manual, Bright Red, 15,000 miles, FSH	£5,999
2012 62	**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.8 DESIGN.** Manual, Bright Red, 1 Owner, 7 Seats, 29,000 miles	£6,999
2010 10	**VAUXHALL ASTRA .16 EXCLUSIVE** 5 Door, Green Metallic, 35,950 miles, One Family Owner, Air Con, Alloy Wheels, FSH	£5,999
2009 09	**VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.8 SE** Manual Metallic Grey 63000 miles	SOLD
2006 56	**VOLVO C30 1.8 SE** 3-door, Green Metallic with Leather Seats, 66,000 Miles, 17" Alloy Wheels	£3,999
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2011 11 LAND ROVER FREELANDER GS MANUAL Metallic Black, 65,000 miles, FSH, Side Steps, Face Lift Model **£12,999**

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62 **TRANSIT CONNECT T200,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ONE OWNER 41K £5,395
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63 **TOYOTA AYGO Mode VVTi,** Red, low mileage £4995
13 **FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCi,** Titanium Red £5995
59 **FORD FIESTA 1.5TDCi,** Diesel ..... SOLD
57 **BMW X3 Si SE,** Grey Metallic, Vehicle Must Be Seen £5,895

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10 **FORD KA EDGE** 50k, Grey Metallic £3690
59 **CITROEN C3 AIRDREAM + HDi** Diesel, Cheap Road Tax £3595
09 **FIAT 500 POP 1.2.** White £3895
58 **BMW 118 SE** Diesel, Grey Metallic £5595
57 **SUZUKI SWIFT SPORT 1.6,** Black, low mileage £3795
07 **BMW 318 SE** Alloys, Must be seen £4395
56 **VAUXHALL VECTRA** Exclusive 1.8 Red Metallic £2895
05 **CITROEN C3 DESIRE 1.4** black, economical car ..... SOLD
54 **FORD FIESTA FLAME** 5-dr. Silver £2495
54 **PEUGEOT 206,** quicksilver very clean car ..... SOLD
04 **BMW 645 COUPE** Black, Stunning car ..... POA

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04 **VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT,** Silver £1295
03 **FORD STREET KA** Blue Convertible £1795

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Danger to babies in car seats but don't stop using them!

Newborn babies could be at risk of suffocation if they spend more than 30 minutes in a car seat, research has suggested.

A recent study conducted by researchers from Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in Swindon, the University of Southampton and the University of Bristol found that putting babies in an upright position could lead to breathing difficulties.

A vehicle simulator was used to replicate the effects of placing a newborn baby in a car seat at the 40-degree angle required for travelling.

Of the 40 newborn babies used in the study, researchers observed that a number of them experienced a dangerous drop in their blood oxygen levels, with some falling below 85 per cent saturation. This is far lower than the normal level in the high 90s.

The authors of the study, which was led by Dr Renu Arya, a consultant paediatrician at Great Western Hospital, commented: "A motion simulator was developed to reproduce vertical vibration broadly representative of that at the base of a car safety seat fixed in a rear-facing position in the back seat of a small family car.

"The simulator reproduced the vertical vibrations from travelling at 30mph on a straight urban road, excluding braking, acceleration or going over bumps."

Take care with babies in car seats

It was found that after 30 minutes, the babies' heart and breathing rates had increased, while blood oxygen levels were lower than those associated with lying flat in a cot. This change was observed under conditions where the vehicle was in motion, as well as stationary.

Although the researchers were able to show potential changes in cardiorespiratory stability among the infants when they were placed in this more upright position, it is as yet unknown if this put the infants at serious risk of suffocation.

The researchers commented: "We cannot be certain of the clinical significance or potential risks posed by the changes we have identified."

While further studies are required to properly identify any potential risks associated with transporting newborn babies in car seats, Dr Arya has urged parents to continue to use car seats.

"Parents should not stop using car safety seats to transport their infants. Infants must be protected in moving vehicles, and UK law requires car seats be used whenever infants travel in cars."

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14 (64) **KIA CEED 2 1.6 CRDI** silver storm £12,450
14 (14) **KIA CEED 2 1.6 CRDi** Infra Red £11,850
14 (63) **RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE** M-NAV Flame Red £8975
13(13) **CITROEN C3** Picasso 1.6 VTR+, Silver £7,250
13 (63) **AUDI A3 2.0 TDi Sport** 3dr. Mizano Red, immaculate ..... DUE IN
13 (63) **NISSAN JUKE 1.5 dci ACENTA** White, 18,000 miles only £9,950
13 (63) **VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTi** exclusive, grey £12,450
13 (13) **PEUGEOT 308 1.6 HDi ACTIVE** Nera Black £8,750
12 (62) **FORD FIESTA 1.4 TDCi ZETEC** Phantom Black £7,850
12 (62) **PEUGEOT 5008 1.6 HDi ACTIVE** Silver, ... £8,950
12 (12) **SEAT IBIZA 1.2 TDi SE ECOMOTIVE** £7,250
12 (12) **CITROEN C3 1.4 HDi VTR** Silver £6,450
11 (61) **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.7 CDTi ELITE.** Waterworld Blue £7,650
10 (10) **RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCi EXPRESSION** Silver £6,850
10 (10) **RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCi EXPRESSION** Pearl Black £6,850
10 (10) **KIA CEED 3 1.6 CRDi.** Phoenix Grey £4,250
09 (59) **KIA CEED 2 1.6 CRDi** Silver Storm £3,950
09 (09) **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.7 CDTi DESIGN** 5-dr. Silver £6,750
12 (62) **FORD FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC** 5dr. Silver £6,450
12 (12) **SUZUKI SPLASH 1.2 SZ4** £5,650
12 (12) **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SE** Grey, ... £5,850
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10 (10) **VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SRI** 5dr Waterworld Blue £7,850
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09 (59) **MINI COOPER 1.6 CLUBMAN** (Pepper Pack), White £7,250
09 (59) **HYUNDAI i10 1.1 ES,** 5-dr Red, 16,000miles £5,450
07 (07) **MAZDA MX-5 2.0i.** red, 30,000 miles £5,750
06 (56) **PEUGEOT 207 SE 16v** 5-dr. Silver Grey 9,000 miles £5,650
05 (05) **FORD KA COLLECTION** Blue ..... DUE IN
04 (04) **AUDI A3 2.0 FSI SPORT** Red £5,850
04 (54) **KIA PICANTO 1.1 SE** Silver ..... DUE IN

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16 (16) **KIA CEED 1.6T 201GT.** Track Red ..... DUE IN
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13 (63) **VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.4 SE** Blue £8,950
13 (13) **KIA RIO 2** 1.4 in Blaze Red £8,975
13 (13) **KIA PICANTO 1.0 CITY** 3-dr. Blaze Red, 9,000 miles, ... £6,850

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06 (56) **LAND ROVER FREELANDER TD4** 3dr, Sport Auto/Manual £4,750
03 (03) **LAND ROVER FREELANDER 2.0 TD4 SERENGETI.** Green £3,850

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How they stand

Sky Bet League One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Scunthorpe Utd	19	13	4	2	40	16	43
Sheffield Utd	18	11	4	3	33	20	37
Bolton Wdrs	19	11	4	4	23	12	37
Bradford City	19	9	8	2	27	17	35
Rochdale	19	9	3	7	27	22	30
P'borough Utd	19	8	5	6	28	21	29
Wimbledon	19	7	7	5	28	22	28
Fleetwood Twn	19	8	4	7	29	24	28
Southend Utd	19	7	6	6	26	27	27
Bristol Rvrs	19	7	6	6	27	32	27
Charlton Ath	18	6	8	4	25	18	26
Port Vale	19	7	5	7	24	29	26
Millwall	18	7	4	7	29	29	25
Oxford Utd	19	7	4	8	23	23	25
N'hampton Twn	19	6	6	7	28	27	24
Gillingham	19	6	5	8	26	32	23
Walsall	18	5	7	6	22	28	22
Swindon Twn	19	5	5	9	20	28	20
Bury	19	6	2	11	26	35	20
Coventry City	19	4	7	8	16	23	19
MK Dons	19	4	6	9	23	29	18
Oldham Ath	19	3	8	8	11	21	17
Chesterfield	19	4	3	12	21	32	15
Shrewsbury T	19	3	5	11	19	34	14

Vanarama National North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AFC Fylde	19	13	5	1	59	26	44
Chorley	20	11	7	2	30	14	40
Kidderminster	19	11	4	4	36	16	37
Darlington	19	11	4	4	45	27	37
Tamworth	19	11	3	5	37	32	36
FC Halifax Twn	18	10	3	5	40	24	33
Salford City	19	9	6	4	35	20	33
Brackley Twn	17	9	6	2	29	19	33
Gloucester City	19	9	3	7	37	31	30
Stockport Cnty	19	8	5	6	27	26	29
Harrogate Twn	19	8	4	7	32	28	28
FC Utd of Man	20	6	5	9	33	34	23
Worcester City	18	6	4	8	29	29	22
Telford Utd	19	5	6	8	16	20	21
Alfreton Twn	18	6	2	10	40	48	20
Curzon Ashton	18	5	5	8	26	37	20
Boston Utd	19	5	5	9	26	41	20
Gainsborough	19	5	4	10	27	42	19
Nuneaton Twn	19	3	7	9	26	31	16
Bradford PA	20	4	4	12	21	44	16
Stalybridge C	19	3	0	16	15	49	9
Altrincham	18	1	4	13	19	47	7

Evo-Stik League
Division One South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shaw Ln AFC	16	11	4	1	35	11	37
N'castle Twn	18	12	1	5	31	20	37
Spalding Utd	17	9	4	4	33	22	31
Witton Albion	13	9	2	2	30	12	29
Chasetwn	17	8	3	6	31	27	27
Rushden & D	14	7	5	2	27	17	26
Leek Twn	16	7	5	4	25	22	26
Belper Twn	18	7	5	6	22	19	26
Romulus	16	7	4	5	21	20	25
Sheffield	19	7	3	9	31	27	24
S'bridge PS	16	7	3	6	23	24	24
Basford Utd	19	7	6	6	28	31	24
Gresley	17	6	6	5	30	35	24
Northwich Vic	18	5	5	8	28	29	20
Bedworth Utd	15	6	2	7	24	29	20
Lincoln Utd	12	4	4	4	17	17	16
Kidsgrove Ath	16	5	1	10	25	28	16
Mkt Drayton	18	5	1	12	20	37	16
Stamford	11	4	2	5	18	19	14
L'borough D	19	4	2	13	16	42	14
Carlton Twn	17	3	3	11	18	28	12
Rugby Twn	18	3	3	12	14	31	12

Welsh Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The New Saints	15	15	0	0	56	9	45
Gap Connah's Q	16	8	6	2	22	11	30
Bala Town FC	16	7	6	3	25	21	27
Bangor City	16	8	3	5	25	25	27
Cardiff Met Unity	16	7	2	7	22	11	23
Llandudno FC	16	4	6	6	11	21	18
Carmarthen AFC	16	4	5	7	20	26	17
Rhyl FC	15	5	2	8	19	36	17
Aberystwyth	15	5	1	9	18	30	16
Newtown	16	3	5	8	18	23	14
Cefn Druids	15	2	7	6	22	30	13
Airbus UK B'ton	16	3	3	10	20	35	12

Midland Football League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Alvechurch	20	12	5	3	42	16	41
Lye Twn	18	12	5	1	39	15	41
Coleshill Twn	18	11	3	4	43	24	36
Westfields	14	11	1	2	39	16	34
Sptg Khalsa	17	9	4	4	39	23	31
Coventry Utd	17	9	2	6	29	21	29
Heanor Twn	17	8	5	4	32	29	29
St Andrews	18	9	1	8	33	28	28
Walsall Wood	18	8	1	9	26	28	25
Shepshed Dyn	16	7	3	6	32	29	24
Quorn	18	7	3	8	23	30	24
Cov Sphinx	17	6	5	6	33	36	23
L'borough Un	17	6	4	7	31	28	22
Rocester	17	6	4	7	35	40	22
Highgate Utd	16	6	2	8	27	35	20
AFC Wulfs	17	6	2	9	17	31	20
Lng Eaton Utd	16	5	4	7	26	31	19
Boldmere	17	3	6	8	22	24	15
S'port Swifts	17	3	5	9	19	31	14
Tividale	18	4	2	12	24	43	14
Shawbury Utd	19	4	1	14	31	53	13
Brocton	16	2	2	12	16	47	8

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prestatyn	13	11	2	0	49	13	35
Caernarfon	13	9	2	2	40	22	29
Flint United	13	8	2	3	34	17	26
Caersws	14	8	2	4	33	26	26
Holywell	13	7	3	3	21	10	24
Guilsfield	13	7	3	3	28	17	24
Porthmadog	13	7	1	5	28	21	22
Gresford Ath	13	7	0	6	30	20	21
Llanfair United	13	5	2	6	16	27	17
Buckley	13	4	2	7	23	35	14
Mold Alex	13	4	2	7	22	54	14
Penrhyncoch	13	3	2	8	20	26	11
Denbigh	14	2	5	7	19	30	11
Holyhead H	13	2	4	7	22	26	10
Conwy Borough	13	3	1	9	21	40	10
Ruthin	13	1	1	11	12	34	4

Spar Mid Wales League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rhayader	14	11	3	0	33	8	36
Berriew	15	10	3	2	51	20	33
Carno	13	8	3	2	33	19	27
Bow Street	13	7	1	5	25	19	22
Aberaeron	14	6	4	4	24	20	22
Hay St Mary's	13	6	3	4	28	20	21
Knighton	14	6	3	5	20	24	21
Llanrhaeadr	11	6	2	3	30	17	20
Llanidloes	13	5	3	5	23	24	18
Ll'dod Wells	12	4	3	5	22	30	15
Machynlleth	13	4	2	7	20	33	14
Radnor Valley	13	3	4	6	23	29	13
Tywyn/Bryncrug	12	2	1	9	23	41	7
Welshpool	14	2	1	11	10	34	7
Montgomery	14	1	0	13	11	38	3

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Borth Utd	12	9	2	1	32	13	29
Kerry	12	8	2	2	30	14	26
Dolgellau Ath	12	7	2	3	28	20	23
Ll'ffraid Village	15	6	3	6	27	24	21
Builth Wells	13	6	2	5	30	31	20
Churchstoke	10	5	2	3	33	23	17
Abermule	13	4	5	4	29	23	17
Newbridge-on-W	11	5	2	4	31	30	17
Four Crosses	12	3	3	6	13	17	12
Presteigne St A	14	3	3	8	21	39	12
Aber Uni	9	3	1	5	15	18	10
Dyffryn Banw	11	3	1	7	13	23	10
Penybont	12	0	4	8	13	40	4

Hallmark Security League
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitchurch A	21	15	1	5	51	24	46
City Liverpool	22	14	3	5	54	28	45
Charnock R	18	13	2	3	50	25	41
Alsager Twn	19	12	4	3	45	24	40
L'Ind REMYCA	18	11	4	3	50	32	37
Sandbach Utd	19	11	3	5	42	26	36
Widnes	18	10	3	5	44	35	33
Oswestry Twn	19	9	4	6	39	32	31
Daisy Hill	17	8	3	6	36	39	27
Prestwich H	15	8	2	5	39	22	26
St Helens Twn	19	7	5	7	45	43	26
Carlisle City	19	7	3	9	38	43	24
Stockport Twn	17	7	2	8	46	43	23
Cheadle Twn	19	6	4	9	40	50	22
Bacup Boro	20	6	4	10	24	36	22
Chadderton	16	6	3	7	35	37	21
Holker OB	18	6	3	9	30	35	21
Silsden	17	6	1	10	38	40	19
Atherton LR	19	4	3	12	25	49	15
Blackpool	20	2	5	13	24	47	11
Eccleshall	19	1	3	15	23	67	6
Ashton Twn	17	1	1	15	13	54	4

West Midlands League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Haughmond	19	16	1	2	70	20	49
W'Ton Spt Com	19	14	4	1	61	16	46
Malvern Twn	18	12	3	3	64	21	39
Ellesmere Rgrs	18	11	1	6	48	35	34
W'Ton Casuals	17	11	0	6	51	31	33
Wellington	19	10	2	7	49	36	32
Bewdley Twn	18	9	4	5	49	39	31
Smethwick	22	10	1	11	34	49	31
BC Rangers	20	8	5	7	45	37	29
Willenhall Twn	23	9	2	12	45	63	29
Shifnal Twn	18	8	4	6	34	33	28
Pegasus Jnrs	18	9	0	9	33	34	27
Cradley Twn	19	7	4	8	35	29	25
Stone OA	21	6	7	8	30	36	25
Bilston Tn Com	19	7	2	10	33	48	23
Bridgnorth	21	6	3	12	37	55	21
Dudley Twn	21	6	3	12	33	51	21
Wellington Am	21	6	2	13	36	67	20
Dudley Sports	18	3	2	13	24	49	11
Gornal Ath	17	0	0	17	6	68	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hereford LC	16	15	0	1	73	16	45
Newport Twn	17	11	4	2	61	26	37
Wednesfield	15	9	2	4	53	28	29
Darlaston Twn	13	8	4	1	33	15	28
Old Wulfs	15	8	3	4	40	30	27
Tipton Twn	13	8	3	2	26	17	27
Wyrley	16	7	4	5	24	32	25
Worcs Raiders	11	7	3	1	33	17	24
Wrens Nest	12	4	2	6	19	28	14
Bustleholme	15	4	1	10	28	50	13
Bromyard Twn	16	3	2	11	23	45	11
Wem Twn	16	2	4	10	28	49	10
St Martins	14	3	1	10	24	48	10
F C Stafford	12	3	1	8	28	48	7
Kington Twn	14	1	3	10	21	43	6
Team Dudley	13	1	3	9	16	38	6

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Brom Utd	15	9	2	4	38	16	29
Allscott	14	8	4	2	34	20	25
Telford Juniors	14	7	3	4	42	28	24
Malvern Res	15	7	2	6	31	36	23
Gornal Colts	13	6	2	5	27	22	20
Tipton Yth AFC	14	5	4	5	32	31	19
AFC Broseley	11	6	1	4	22	24	19
Warstone Wdrs	11	5	2	4	25	24	17
Wonder Vaults	11	5	2	4	21	22	17
Sikh Hunters	13	4	4	5	32	37	16
W'Ton Utd	13	5	0	8	29	40	15
Bewdley Res	14	2	2	10	25	40	8
Emerald Ath	7	1	4	2	12	16	7
Azaad Sports	11	1	2	8	18	32	5

Sportsjam Regional League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Oakengates Ath	11	7	2	2	31	14	23
Gobowen Celtic	14	7	2	5	46	42	23
Childs Ercall	13	7	1	5	36	22	22
Madeley Sports	12	6	4	2	27	16	22
Church Stretton	11	6	3	2	29	20	21
Rock Rovers	12	6	3	3	35	27	21
Clee Hill United	12	5	1	6	28	33	16
Prees	14	4	2	8	37	43	14
Shifnal United 97	12	4	2	6	25	37	14
FC Hodnet	12	3	4	5	23	32	13
W'dine Wood	12	2	3	7	25	38	9
Bridgnorth Res	11	2	1	8	13	31	7

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
O'gates Rgrs	14	12	1	1	68	24	37
Shrewsbury Jn	13	11	0	2	84	22	33
St Georges Utd	14	10	2	2	45	20	32
Newport Res	14	9	1	4	49	15	28
Stoke Heath	12	7	3	2	77	30	24
Oswestry Res	12	7	3	2	43	30	24
Madeley Spt Res	14	7	1	6	37	33	22
Brown Clee	13	7	0	6	42	28	21
Craven Arms	13	5	4	4	41	29	19
St Martins Village	11	5	2	4	40	27	17
Riverside	14	5	2	7	37	29	17
Coven Utd	12	5	2	5	42	35	17
W'church A Jnrs	13	3	4	6	39	44	13
Albrighton	13	3	3	7	35	50	12
AFC Shifnal	14	1	0	13	24	96	3
Denso	13	1	0	12	14	150	3
AFC Broseley	15	0	0	15	14	69	0

Under 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wellington Ams	10	6	1	3	41	22	19
AFC Bridgnorth	8	4	2	2	18	11	14
W'dine Wood	6	4	1	1	20	10	13
Oswestry U21	8	3	0	5	17	21	9
M Drayton U21	4	2	0	2	9	7	6
W'church A Jnrs	6	0	0	6	3	37	0

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Athletico Market	9	7	0	2	39	25	21
Instones United	8	5	1	2	25	13	16
Cruckton Rov	5	5	0	0	25	4	15
Pontesbury	7	4	0	3	29	16	12
Loppington	7	4	0	3	20	20	12
Rock Rovers Yth	7	3	0	4	19	17	9
Kinnerley	7	2	0	5	17	26	6
The Gates	7	1	1	5	10	23	4
Coton Rovers	9	1	0	8	11	51	3

Market Drayton Tigers under-nine footballers didn't have a game at the weekend, so instead organised a group tour of Stoke's bet365 stadium. Michael Sheldon, from the club said: "It was a really good day, the boys got to go pitch-side, in the home dressing room, and behind the scenes of the Premier League Club. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit – despite Stoke losing."

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Radbrook	7	4	1	2	23	16	13
Beacon	7	4	1	2	14	13	13
Telegraph	7	4	0	3	20	15	12
Norbury	8	3	1	4	22	14	10
Red Barne	7	3	1	3	14	13	10
Compasses	5	2	2	1	11	9	8
Anchor Inn	5	0	0	5	7	31	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
SAHA Youth	8	5	1	2	28	18	16
Unison	8	5	0	3	38	22	15
Snailbeach	6	4	0	2	28	18	12
Boars Head	7	3	1	3	15	15	10
Crown Coleham	6	3	0	3	12	13	9
Minsterley Rgrs	6	3	0	3	16	24	9
White Lion	6	2	1	3	18	21	7
Duddlestone Hth	9	1	1	7	15	39	4

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bomere Heath	7	6	1	0	48	10	16 *
Onslow	9	5	0	4	44	33	15
Harlescott Rgrs	8	4	2	2	30	11	14
Dun Cow	8	3	3	2	37	29	12
Brockton Rovers	8	4	0	4	32	29	12
Bull In The Barne	8	4	0	4	26	29	12
Harlescott SC	9	3	1	5	19	37	10
Charles Darwin	9	2	1	6	19	36	7
Coracle United	8	2	0	6	18	59	6

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crown A F'gate	9	6	1	2	25	18	19
Hth Farm Rgrs	8	5	1	2	30	11	16
Unicorn	8	5	0	3	24	14	15
Beeches	8	5	0	3	21	17	15
Dorrington	6	4	1	1	21	12	13
Wheatsheaf	6	4	0	2	18	8	12
Three Fishes	7	3	0	4	15	19	9
Old PO Wem	8	2	2	4	16	16	8
Dolphin AFC	9	2	1	6	22	39	7
Dun Cow Youth	9	0	0	9	13	51	0

Telford Sunday Football League
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay United	10	10	0	0	77	7	30
Dawley Social	10	7	0	3	41	36	21
Honeysuckle	9	6	1	2	40	25	19
Barley	8	6	0	2	30	17	18
Dawley Wds Vets	10	6	0	4	38	29	18
Shifnal Nth End	8	5	1	2	26	17	16
Riverside	10	2	3	5	25	33	9
Lord Hill M D'ton	10	3	0	7	19	51	9
Travellers Joy	7	2	0	5	13	24	6
Celtic Spartans	9	1	1	7	13	33	4
Captain Webb	6	1	0	5	12	31	3
Bulls Head DBV	7	0	0	7	10	41	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Whitehorse Ath	8	6	2	0	41	11	20
Church Wickets	9	6	1	2	32	7	19
Ironbrige	6	6	0	0	34	1	18
Wrekin	8	5	1	2	37	10	16
Joiners Arms	7	5	0	2	24	9	15
Cosford United	7	4	1	2	36	18	13
St Georges	8	4	0	4	16	20	12
The Falcon	8	3	0	5	19	23	9
W'dine Wd Jnrs	9	1	1	7	15	35	4
Telford Rangers	9	0	1	8	8	39	1
Britannia	9	0	1	8	13	102	1

Midland Men's Hockey League
1st Team League
Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rug & East War	8	7	0	1	36	17	21
Sutton Coldfield	8	6	0	2	32	18	18
Barton	8	5	1	2	42	26	16
Warwick	8	5	1	2	24	12	16
Edgbaston	8	5	1	2	23	17	16
Stone	8	4	1	3	32	27	13
Warwick Uni	8	4	0	4	23	32	12
Old Halesonians	8	3	0	5	13	22	9
Bridgnorth	8	2	0	6	20	29	6
Sikh U (Notts)	8	2	0	6	21	33	6
Burton	8	2	0	6	15	32	6
N'mpton Saints	8	1	0	7	22	38	3

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chesterfield	8	6	1	1	40	16	19
Hampton-in-Arde	8	5	3	0	35	21	18
Telford & Wrekin	8	6	0	2	30	25	18
Boots	8	5	2	1	53	23	17
Stratford	8	4	3	1	27	12	15
Finchfield	8	2	3	3	27	31	9
Cov & North War	8	2	2	4	20	28	8
Streetly	8	2	2	4	26	36	8
Shrewsbury	8	2	1	5	20	31	7
Old Silhillians	8	2	0	6	17	41	6
Coalville	8	1	2	5	19	34	5
Leicester	8	0	3	5	11	27	3

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bloxwich	8	6	1	1	25	11	19
Sikh U (Cov'try)	7	5	1	1	28	17	16
Stafford	7	5	1	1	21	11	16
Market Drayton	7	5	0	2	32	14	15
Bromsgrove	7	5	0	2	23	13	15
Aldridge & W'sall	8	4	1	3	26	19	13
Solihull B'field	7	3	0	4	14	13	9
Ludlow	8	3	0	5	24	26	9
Wednesbury	7	1	1	5	11	29	4
Kings Heath Pick	7	0	1	6	9	28	1
Leamington	7	0	0	7	11	43	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Bromwich	8	7	0	1	40	13	21
Wolverhampton	8	7	0	1	25	3	21
Redditch	8	7	0	1	27	7	21
Old Wulfrunians	8	5	0	3	32	15	15
Pershore	8	5	0	3	32	21	15
Droitwich Spa	8	4	0	4	20	22	12
Yardley	8	2	0	6	12	29	6
Newtown	7	1	0	6	7	29	3
Barlaston	8	1	0	7	7	36	3
E'sham & B'sey	7	0	0	7	5	32	0

2nd Team League
West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harborne	7	6	1	0	30	5	19
Edgbaston	7	5	1	1	33	11	16
Worcester	8	4	3	1	24	12	15
Warwick	7	4	1	2	26	20	13
Hampton-in-Ard	8	4	0	4	19	35	12
Bridgnorth	7	3	2	2	22	17	11
Barford Tigers	7	3	1	3	16	22	10
North Stafford	8	1	3	4	17	25	6
Stratford	7	2	0	5	17	25	6
Telford & Wrekin	7	1	1	5	11	31	4
Bournville	7	0	1	6	10	22	1

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Streetly	7	7	0	0	29	9	21
Old Halesonians	7	5	2	0	25	9	17
Stone	8	4	0	4	31	33	12
Shrewsbury	7	3	1	3	20	13	10
West Bromwich	7	3	1	3	17	26	10
Finchfield	7	2	3	2	18	15	9
Bloxwich	7	2	2	3	13	16	8
Old Silhillians	7	2	2	3	20	24	8
Market Drayton	8	1	4	3	14	18	7
Stafford	8	1	2	5	13	26	5
Aldridge & W'sall	7	1	1	5	14	25	4

West Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Redditch	6	5	1	0	24	6	16
Bromsgrove	6	3	3	0	20	7	12
Old Wulfrunians	6	3	2	1	12	5	11
Solihull B'field	6	3	0	3	6	10	9
Droitwich Spa	7	2	1	4	13	18	7
Kings Heath Pick	6	1	2	3	9	18	5
Wolverhampton	6	1	1	4	7	22	4
Wednesbury	7	1	2	4	12	17	2

Midlands Women's Hockey League
Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Notts I	8	6	0	2	25	10	18
Edgbaston 1st XI	8	6	0	2	21	9	18
L'borough Stu II	8	5	1	2	19	14	16
Leek 1st XI	7	5	0	2	20	12	15
Shrewsbury I	8	4	2	2	21	15	14
Stourport 2nd XI	8	3	0	5	17	15	9
Matlock Bailean I	8	2	2	4	14	17	8
Olt & West War II	8	2	1	5	18	34	7
Towcester I	7	1	1	5	8	21	4
Cannock II	8	1	1	6	12	28	4

Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rug & E War 1st	8	7	0	1	24	5	21
Lichfield 2nd XI	8	6	0	2	25	10	18
T'ford and Wrek I	8	5	1	2	21	14	16
Nuneaton 1st XI	8	5	1	2	21	18	16
Harborne 2nd XI	8	5	0	3	27	14	15
B'grove 1st XI	8	3	1	4	14	19	10
Stratford I	7	2	1	4	15	16	7
Uttoxeter 1st XI	8	2	1	5	16	26	7
Bridgnorth 1st XI	8	1	0	7	13	39	3
Bloxwich 1st XI	7	0	1	6	7	22	1

Shropshire Ladies Hockey League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wem/MD I	8	6	2	0	41	5	36
Shrewsbury II	8	6	1	1	32	7	25
Bridgnorth II	7	4	2	1	13	4	9
Montgomery	8	3	1	4	7	13	-6
Shrewsbury III	8	3	0	5	6	27	-21
Wem/MD II	8	2	0	6	7	32	-25
Telford & Wrek II	7	0	0	7	0	18	-18

Shrewsbury & District Ladies Darts League
Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Rock & Fountain	8	6	1	1	33	15	13
Charles Darwin	8	5	1	2	32	16	12
Heathgates	8	4	1	3	28	20	11
Wheatsheaf	8	3	3	2	21	26	8
Woodman	8	1	2	5	23	25	7
Belle Vue Tavern	8	1	2	5	21	27	7
Anchor FW	8	1	3	4	22	26	6
Monkmoor B	8	3	5	0	21	26	6
Compasses A	8	2	4	2	19	29	6
Compasses B	8	1	5	2	19	29	4

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Beeches	7	5	1	1	25	17	11
Horseshoes	7	4	2	1	25	17	9
HSC	7	4	2	1	23	19	9
Telegraph	7	3	2	2	22	20	8
Crown & Sceptre	7	3	3	1	22	20	7
Crown C Ham	7	1	2	4	20	22	6
Saddlers B	8	3	5	0	19	29	6
Plough Pont	7	1	3	3	19	23	5
Saddlers A	7	1	5	1	17	25	3

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Crown AF	7	6	1	0	27	15	12
Rock B	7	4	0	3	25	16	11
Masonic	7	3	1	3	24	18	9
Anchor HG	7	3	2	2	23	19	8
Monkmoor A	7	2	3	2	22	20	6
Bird in Hand	8	2	4	2	20	28	6
Bagley SS C	7	2	4	1	19	23	5
Red Lion BH	7	1	4	2	18	24	4
Compasses C	7	1	5	1	13	28	3

English Rugby Clubs
National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caldy	12	10	1	1	393	166	51
Sale	12	10	0	2	379	196	48
Stourbridge	13	8	1	4	307	231	41
Chester	13	7	1	5	283	249	41
Sedgley Park	12	7	2	3	343	261	40
Leicester Lions	12	8	0	4	285	233	38
Sth Leicester	12	4	2	6	305	309	31
Otley	12	6	0	6	255	287	29
Tynedale	12	5	1	6	254	331	28
Hinckley	12	6	0	6	217	288	27
Luctonians	12	5	0	7	300	339	26
Sheffield Tigers	12	4	0	8	255	332	20
Scunthorpe	12	4	0	8	184	341	19
Preston Grass	12	3	0	9	250	284	17
Wharfedale	12	3	0	9	242	314	17
Harrogate	12	3	0	9	160	251	17

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sheffield	10	8	0	2	265	153	38
Nuneaton	10	7	1	2	291	154	36
Broadstreet	10	6	0	4	288	177	31
Derby	10	6	0	4	262	210	30
Sandbach	10	5	0	5	254	227	27
B'ham & Solihull	10	6	1	3	167	169	26
Towcestrians	10	4	1	5	219	211	26
Old Halesonians	10	5	0	5	218	215	24
P'borough Lions	10	4	1	5	208	243	24
Bridgnorth	10	4	0	6	230	214	22
Longton	10	4	0	6	259	302	22
Lichfield	10	3	1	6	187	334	19
Bedford Athletic	10	2	0	8	211	282	15
Syston	10	3	1	6	146	314	14

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport, Salop	10	9	1	0	318	192	44
Bournville	10	8	0	2	352	270	39
Burton	10	7	1	2	339	167	38
Stratford U Avon	10	5	0	5	245	202	28
Stoke on Trent	10	5	1	4	247	239	28
Wolverhampton	10	6	0	4	189	212	27
Hereford	10	5	1	4	178	184	25
Whitchurch	10	5	0	5	193	197	23
Dudley Kings	10	4	0	6	254	212	21
Moseley Oak	10	3	0	7	226	324	18
Sutton Coldfield	10	3	0	7	157	210	17
Worcester	10	3	1	6	179	241	17
Crewe & N'wich	10	2	1	7	248	308	17
Kenilworth	10	2	0	8	158	325	11

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'bridge Lions	8	7	1	0	289	100	37
Camp Hill	8	7	0	1	290	105	36
Walsall	8	6	1	1	216	104	30
Leek	8	5	0	3	327	152	27
Kidderminster	8	4	0	4	210	173	20
Stafford	8	4	0	4	163	165	20
Veseyans	8	4	0	4	124	188	19
Tamworth	8	4	0	4	151	199	17
Old Saltleians	8	3	0	5	110	207	14
Old Yardleians	8	1	0	7	136	259	9
Shrewsbury	8	1	0	7	85	238	6
N' castle, Staffs	8	1	0	7	87	298	6

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ludlow	8	8	0	0	399	115	40
Burntwood	8	7	0	1	319	124	34
Cleobury M	8	7	0	1	292	140	34
Handsworth	8	5	0	3	244	202	26
Telford Hornets	8	5	0	3	111	175	20
Cannock	8	4	0	4	178	207	19
Uttoxeter	8	3	0	5	210	215	16
Edwardians	8	4	0	4	184	206	14
Harborne	8	2	0	6	180	273	11
Clee Hill	8	1	0	7	118	247	8
Willenhall	8	1	0	7	143	290	8
Eccleshall	8	1	0	7	123	307	7

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Trentham	8	7	0	1	367	72	36
Barton-U-N'wd	8	7	0	1	186	90	32
Rugeley	8	6	0	2	159	140	29
Five Ways OE	8	5	0	3	140	102	22
Wednesbury	8	4	0	4	139	138	18
Bloxwich	6	4	0	2	79	83	18
Essington	8	3	0	5	135	150	17
Aston OE	8	3	0	5	146	190	15
St Leonards	8	2	0	6	132	175	13
Bishops Castle	8	2	0	6	86	189	11
Yardley & District	7	2	0	5	121	178	10
Church Stretton	7	1	0	6	49	232	6

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Market Drayton	5	5	0	0	163	43	24
Tenbury	6	3	0	3	155	110	17
Greyhound	5	3	0	2	204	99	16
Chaddesley C	5	3	0	2	98	112	13
Aldridge	5	2	0	3	125	114	11
Stourport	5	1	0	4	60	203	5
Warley	5	1	0	4	58	182	4

Northern Division South Lancs/Cheshire
Divison 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Douglas IOM	11	10	0	1	420	195	47
Liverpool St H	11	8	0	3	358	223	41
Bowdon	11	7	0	4	394	229	38
Broughton Park	11	7	0	4	406	172	37
Manchester	10	7	1	2	345	223	36
Glossop	10	7	0	3	275	139	35
Widnes	11	6	0	5	298	230	32
New Brighton	11	7	0	4	250	269	30
Southport	9	6	0	3	232	214	29
Sefton	11	4	0	7	231	264	20
Manchester M	11	2	1	8	197	327	15
Anselmians	12	2	0	10	243	491	10
Wigan	10	1	0	9	101	400	7
Oswestry	11	0	0	11	115	489	-4

Telford Snooker League
Heath Hill Building & Roofing
Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Shifnal B	8	7	1	29	11
Dawley C	7	6	1	25	10
Maddocks A	7	6	1	25	10
Hadley B	7	5	2	22	13
Dawley A	8	4	4	22	18
Eden G	8	4	4	18	22
Eden A	7	3	4	15	20
Shifnal F	7	2	5	13	22
Maddocks E	7	2	5	11	24
Bayley E	7	1	6	11	24
Bayley B	7	0	7	9	26

Roden Scaffold Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Bayley D	8	6	2	27	13
Maddocks 2nd	8	6	2	26	14
Eden Elite	8	5	3	25	15
Dawley B	8	5	3	24	16
Maddocks C	8	4	4	24	16
Maddocks F	8	6	2	23	17
Shifnal D	8	5	3	21	19
Anstice B (Dawley)	8	3	5	19	21
Allscott	8	4	4	18	22
Bayley Lads	8	2	6	14	26
Bayley Cue	8	2	6	11	29
Bayley Z	8	0	8	8	32

Pontesbury Indoor Cricket League

	P	W	L	P
Grasshoppers	3	3	0	30
Alberbury A	3	2	1	23
Montgomery	3	2	1	22
Acton Reynald	3	2	1	20
Condover	2	2	0	16
Alberbury B	3	1	2	15
Calypsos	3	0	3	7
Beacon	2	0	2	3
Church Stretton	2	0	2	2

Results

Grasshoppers 167-3 (Paul Elton 35 not out Alex Johnson 35 not out Andy Harrison 27) Beacon 82 all out (Alex Johnson 4-9); Church Stretton 75 all out (Pete Lee 24, Nick Williams 3-14) Alberbury B 77-0 (Mike Crawshaw 30 not out Myles Thomas 30 not out); Alberbury A 105 all out (Mark Jones 34, Peter Griffiths 2-21) Calypsos 85 all out (Peter Griffiths 26, Steve Jarrett 2-14); Montgomery 145-4 (Arran Ruffcock 33 not out Andy Barker 30) Acton Reynald 91 all out (Keith Sambrook 35, Andy Barker 2-14); Alberbury B 126-4 Acton Reynald 128-3 (Adrian Hudson 30 not out Ian Fox 28 not out Mark Love 28; Beacon 95-5 Condover 96-1; Montgomery 124-4 (Rob Kinsey 30 not out) Alberbury A 109-5 (Mark Jones 38 not out, Owen Aspinall 33); Grasshoppers 176-5 (Paul Elton 43 Ian Simmonds 42 not out Tom Boyd 30) Calypsos 122 all out (Rob Davies 44, Adam Williams 2-19); Calypsos 84-5 (Mark Griffiths 25, John Mansell [jr] 3-12) Condover 86-1 (Chris Barnes 33 not out); Acton Reynald 202-3 (Ian Fox 45 not out Adrian Hudson 40 not out Joss Elliott 31 not out) Church Stretton 61-4; Alberbury A 142-3 (Lara Jones 31 not out) Alberbury B 122 all out (Mike Crawshaw 42 Mat Hartshorn 27); Grasshoppers 128-5 (Andy Harrison 26 not out) Montgomery 122 all out (R Bennett 50 T Corfield 28)

Shrewsbury & District Snooker League
Bright Motors Division One

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Stanton A	8	6	2	27	13	29
Stanton A	8	6	2	27	13	29
Wem USC A	8	7	1	27	13	27
Unison D	8	5	3	27	13	27
Beaconsfield B	8	5	3	25	15	25
Harlescott A	7	4	3	23	12	24
Beaconsfield A	8	4	4	21	19	21
Meole Brace A	8	3	5	21	19	21
Harlescott B	8	4	4	20	20	20
Unison A	8	5	3	19	21	19
Harlescott D	7	3	4	17	18	18
Meole Brace F	8	3	5	14	26	17
Preston Brockhurst	7	2	5	12	23	12
Unison B	9	1	8	11	34	11
Bagley B	8	2	6	10	30	10

ABF Carpets Division Two

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Unison F	8	6	2	30	10	31
Bagley C	9	8	1	30	15	30
Wem USC C	8	7	1	30	10	30
Old Shrewsbury A	9	6	3	28	17	28
Meole G	8	5	3	26	14	26
Meole Brace D	8	5	3	24	16	24
Unison C	9	5	4	21	24	21
Harlescott C	8	4	4	21	19	21
Beaconsfield C	8	4	4	20	20	20
Bagley A	9	3	6	18	27	18
Unison E	9	3	6	16	29	16
Harlescott E	8	2	6	16	24	16
Meole Brace E	8	2	6	14	26	14
Wem USC B	8	2	6	11	29	11
Harlescott F	8	0	8	6	34	6

Church Stretton & District Darts League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Green B	8	6	0	2	43	21	20
Green A	8	6	1	1	47	17	19
Clunton B	8	6	1	1	45	19	19
Plough	8	4	2	2	37	27	14
Appletree	8	4	2	2	33	31	11
Stokesay	8	6	4	0	31	33	12
Kings Head	8	2	5	1	25	39	7
Clunton A	8	2	6	0	22	42	6
CSDC	8	1	6	1	21	43	4
Crwn @ Wentnor	8	1	7	0	16	48	3

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League
Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Frankwell CC	9	5	4	0	44	28	14
Telegraph CB	9	5	3	1	42	30	13
Horseshoes	9	4	4	1	40	32	12
Belle Vue Tavern	9	4	4	1	40	32	12
Rock A	8	5	2	1	39	25	12
Telepost	9	4	3	2	40	32	11
Rock B	8	3	3	2	34	30	9
Monkmoor/ Belv.	9	2	4	3	33	39	8
Boars Head	9	3	2	4	33	39	8
Corbett Uff A	9	4	0	5	32	40	8
Compasses A	9	2	3	4	35	37	7
Brooklands A	9	2	3	4	34	38	7
Crown A	9	2	2	5	33	39	6
Unison	9	2	2	5	30	42	6
Cross Foxes B	9	1	3	5	32	40	5
Reman/Compass	9	1	2	6	27	45	4

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rock C	9	4	4	1	43	29	12
Monkmoor	9	5	2	2	40	32	12
Red Lion	9	5	2	2	37	35	12
Prince of Wales A	9	3	5	1	39	33	11
Woodman B	8	4	3	1	35	29	11
Telegraph RO	9	4	2	3	40	32	10
Telegraph A	9	4	2	3	40	32	10
Plough	9	4	2	3	38	34	10
Harry Hotspur	9	2	4	3	34	38	8
Harlescott SC	9	2	3	4	33	39	7
Beeches A	8	2	3	3	31	33	7
Woodman A	7	3	1	3	27	29	7
Compasses B	8	2	2	4	28	36	6
Masonic B	9	1	3	5	32	40	5
Heathgates B	8	2	1	5	28	36	5
Telegraph B	9	0	3	6	25	47	3

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Horseshoes A	9	8	0	1	51	21	16
Old Bell	9	6	2	1	42	30	14
Bull in the Barn B	9	4	3	2	37	35	11
Bird	8	4	3	1	36	28	11
Masonic A	9	4	1	4	34	38	9
Corbett B	8	3	3	2	32	32	9
Compasses BH	9	3	2	4	36	36	8
Cressage	9	3	2	4	35	37	8
Beeches B	8	3	2	3	34	30	8
Bagley	8	2	3	3	32	32	7
Admiral Duncan	8	2	3	3	29	35	7
Anchor HG	8	2	2	4	31	33	6
Bull in the Barn A	8	2	2	4	31	33	6
Rock D	8	2	2	4	29	35	6
Cross Foxes A	8	0	0	8	15	49	0

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Red Lion	8	5	0	3	40	24	10
Wheatsheaf	7	5	0	2	31	25	10
Heathgates A	6	4	1	1	30	18	9
Inn on the Green	7	4	1	2	29	27	9
Greenfields BC	7	3	2	2	29	27	8
Brick Copthorne	6	3	2	1	25	23	8
Coach	7	3	1	3	32	24	7
Dolphin	6	3	1	2	27	21	7
Crown B	6	2	3	1	26	22	7
Prince B	7	2	2	3	26	30	6
Brooklands B	7	1	2	4	23	33	4
Three Fishes	7	1	1	5	19	37	3
Brittania	7	0	0	7	12	44	0

Ludlow Tuesday League

	P	W	L	F	A
Drifters	3	3	0	27	3
Queens	4	3	1	22	18
Tavern	3	3	0	21	9
Castle	4	2	2	19	21
Bridge	4	2	2	17	23
Jockey	4	1	3	17	23
Ludlow Club	4	0	4	14	26
Blue Boar	3	1	2	12	18
Wheatsheaf	3	1	2	11	19

Arthur Hawkins Newport District Domino League

	P	W	T	P
Lion	9	8	42	58
Bowling Club A	9	7	37	51
Legion Aces	9	5	36	46
Wheatsheaf Bees	9	5	34	44
Childs Ercall Club	9	6	31	43
Three Horseshoes	9	5	31	41
Legion Seamers	9	4	32	40
Bowling Club B	9	3	28	34
Wheatsheaf Wasps	9	1	22	24
Legion Yorkers	9	1	22	24

Results

Wheatsheaf Wasps 2 Bowling Club A 5; Legion Aces 3 Three Horseshoes 4; Childs Ercall Club 4 Wheatsheaf Bees 3; Bowling Club B 2 Legion Yorkers 5; Lion 4 Legion Seamers 3

Corvedale Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Nomads S	8	5	2	1	38	26	11
Outside RS	8	4	1	3	35	29	11
Tally Ho	8	5	3	0	36	28	10
Burway B	8	4	2	2	35	29	10
Green Dragon	8	4	2	2	34	30	10
Bantam S	8	4	3	1	35	29	9
Burway A	8	4	4	0	33	31	8
Seven Stars	8	3	3	2	32	32	8
THS A	8	3	3	2	31	33	8
Swan	8	1	5	2	27	37	4
Sun	8	1	5	2	24	40	4
Insiders	8	0	5	3	24	40	3

Shrewsbury Invitational Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
BVT	11	9	1	1	54	34	19
Telegraph	11	5	1	5	50	38	15
Dog & Pheasant	11	6	4	1	43	45	13
Telepost	11	5	3	3	45	43	13
Compasses	10	5	3	2	47	33	12
Heathgates	11	5	4	2	44	44	12
HSC	11	4	3	4	46	42	12
FCC	11	4	3	4	45	43	12
Anchor	11	3	3	5	46	42	11
Albion	11	4	5	2	43	45	10
Rock & Fountain	11	3	4	4	48	40	10
Cross Foxes	11	3	5	3	41	47	9
POW	10	3	4	3	40	40	9
Masonic	11	2	6	3	38	50	7
Postal	11	3	8	0	35	53	6
Brooklands	11	2	9	0	31	57	4

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
Horseshoes A	8	47	25	17
Rec Club	8	42	30	16
Maddocks	8	40	32	14
Bulls Head A	8	40	32	13
Horseshoes B	8	37	35	12
Albion	8	36	36	12
White Hart	8	35	37	12
Talbot	8	32	40	12
Railway A	8	35	37	11
Bulls Head B	7	32	31	11
Railway B	8	36	36	10
Wendy House	8	31	41	10
Park Hotel	7	26	37	8
White Horse FR	8	26	46	7

Duke of York Sunday Morning Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Lamb	22	18	4	68	42	36
Coalport B	21	15	6	62	43	30
Lion	21	13	8	59	46	26
Duke of York	22	11	11	56	54	22
Foresters	20	11	9	49	51	22
Station	21	10	11	49	56	20
Alex	22	7	15	48	62	14
Coalport A	19	5	14	46	49	10
Bell & Bails	20	4	16	33	67	8

Newport Domino League

	P	W	F	A	P
Honeysuckle A C	8	6	36	20	48
Bowling Club A	7	7	28	21	42
Bowling Club B	8	4	31	25	39
Malts	8	3	26	30	32
Honeysuckle	8	3	25	31	31
Legion Bees	8	4	22	27	30
Kings Head	8	2	25	31	29
New Bowlers	8	2	24	32	28

Wrekin Shortmat Bowls League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newport C G B	5	4	1	0	72	44	9
Broseley Vic B	5	3	0	2	60	57	6
Madeley Court B	5	2	1	2	46	57	5
St. Georges C	5	2	0	3	51	64	4
Newport C G C	3	1	1	1	37	24	3
Ketley Bank B	3	1	0	2	28	33	2
Newport C G A	4	0	1	3	32	47	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Madeley Court C	5	5	0	0	113	22	10
Shrewsbury	5	5	0	0	72	35	10
Broseley Vic A	5	3	0	2	80	41	6
St. Georges A	5	2	0	3	54	53	4
Ketley Bank D	5	2	0	3	42	78	4
Newport S B C A	5	1	0	4	35	67	2
Newport C G D	6	0	0	6	27	127	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Randlay A	5	4	0	1	57	37	8
Newport C G E	4	2	0	2	48	36	0
Ketley Bank E	4	2	0	2	38	38	4
Dawley C	4	2	0	2	38	43	4
Ketley Bank C	4	2	0	2	44	52	4
Dawley E	3	1	0	2	30	40	2
Dawley D	2	0	0	2	14	23	0

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutton Hill D	4	4	0	0	62	32	8
St. Georges B	4	3	0	1	75	36	6
Sutton Hill C	4	2	0	2	49	34	4
Sutton Hill B	4	2	0	2	39	53	4
St. Georges D	5	1	0	4	44	74	2
Dawley F	5	1	0	4	41	91	2

MJS Window Cleaning Services Bridgnorth Five-A-Side League
Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Extraction FC	10	8	0	2	29	11	24
GTE Transport	10	7	1	2	24	13	22
Alveley	10	6	1	3	19	12	19
Pheonix FC	10	5	1	4	9	13	16
Down Inn	11	4	3	4	13	13	15
The George	10	2	2	6	11	15	8
Brown Clee.	7	1	3	3	3	10	6
S'thorne OB	12	1	1	10	6	27	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cressage	8	7	1	0	28	8	22
Bulldog 2012	8	4	3	1	16	7	15
Tractor Boys	8	4	2	2	13	12	14
The Horse	8	3	1	4	11	11	10
Perry Electrical	8	3	1	4	13	14	10
Highley	8	3	1	4	10	18	10
Claverley	8	3	0	5	11	16	9
Burwarton Ath	8	2	2	4	10	13	8
Black Horse	8	2	2	4	7	13	8
Assured FC	8	1	3	4	9	16	6

Eagles still winless and are looking for a lift

Man of the match Gaz Ellis

THERE was another barren day for OSWESTRY who continue to prop up the South Lancs and Cheshire division one after slumping 48-7 away to Bowdon.

Chasing a change of fortune following last season's promotion, the Eagles slipped to their 11th successive defeat at the hands of their Cheshire hosts to remain firmly adrift at the foot of the table.

But the border side could take positives from their battling display and, despite the defeat, Dan Morgan scored a fabulous try when darting through the Bowden defence.

The final scoreline did not reflect Oswestry's efforts that earned the praise of the Bowdon head of coaching, with the hosts pushing their opponents all of the way.

However, their mistakes where quickly pounced on by the experienced home team who surged ahead in the last 20 minutes of the game.

Oswestry's Lanyard Bowdler man of the match was Gaz Ellis.

There was a better day for Oswestry II who ran out emphatic 59-17 winners against Old Bedians II in the North West Freshet League division four south, while the club's colts overcame Bolton Colts 22-21 courtesy of a last minute try.

These wins augurs well for the future of the club despite a tough spell for the first team, with Oswestry's second team coach Warren Howell delighted with his team's performance.

"The seconds are really starting to play as a team," he said. "We started slowly, allowing Old Bedians to take the lead with an early try.

"But this definitely gave us the kick that we needed, and we then played great rugby, showing Old Bedains what this young team is made of.

"There were some great performance everywhere including the little bulldog Daniel Lawrence who played some awesome rugby ."

The second team's man of the match was Fletcher Owen-Youens.

COBRA out of Cup after late try blow

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA'S interest in the Conwy Land Rover North Wales Senior Cup ended at the first hurdle after going out 15-10 away to fellow strugglers Ruthin in a finely poised encounter.

Both sides have been toiling near the foot of the North Wales League division one this term, but it was Ruthin – without a win beforehand – who took the honours with a late score to give them a boost ahead of a crucial league meeting between the sides in a couple of weeks.

The Meifod visitors had trailed 8-3 at half time, but hit back after the break to lead 10-8 before a converted touchdown five minutes from time saw the home side progress and set up a quarter-final meeting away to Abergele.

COBRA pressured early on and got the first points on the board with a penalty from Will Worthington, but the Blues responded to level with a penalty from centre Nathan Jones after 15 minutes.

Ruthin continued to attack and were in front on 25 minutes when the ball was passed out to Jones who went over for an unconverted try in the corner.

Shortly afterwards, COBRA went down to 14 men with a yellow card, but their opponents failed to capitalise on their numerical advantage.

And it was the Llanfair Caereinon side who pushed forward late in the first half, only to be denied a crucial score by some strong defence to leave them trailing 8-3 at half time.

Pressure

COBRA continued to make life difficult for the home side after the interval and, after having one raid held up on the line, they got their noses in front when winger Matt Jones found his way over the whitewash with a try converted by Worthington.

Now two points adrift, Ruthin upped their game as they chased a response, but a competent visiting defence denied them until the closing stages of the match.

The home side were camped on the line as they cranked up the pressure, forcing four scrums, a penalty and a free kick just five yards out.

They were frustrated with two tries judged to have been held up, before scrum half Cai Edwards finally touched down under a bundle of players with Jones converting to seal a 15-10 win to set up a trip to Abergele in the next round.

Ruthin flanker Oliver Powell-Jones was man-of-the-match and was presented with a bottle of champagne by Jonathan Kingsley, area manager for Conwy Land Rover, sponsor of the North Wales Cup.

It's back to the league for COBRA on Saturday who face a tricky trip to second placed Nant Conwy as they look to build on their 35-7 bonus point victory over Bethesda in their last outing in the North Wales division one.

After this weekend, the Llanfair Caereinion side return to Ruthin for a vital encounter in the league the following Saturday as they bid to avenge their recent cup loss.

Ruthin have lost all eight games in the league to prop up the table while COBRA are third bottom, lying four points adrift of Colwyn Bay whom they entertain the following week.

Elsewhere, holders Llanidloes saw their hopes of retaining the Conwy LandRover North Wales Intermediate Cup dashed after suffering a tense 30-27 exit at the hands of Newtown.

It was nip and tuck for much of the encounter, but Llani thought they had won it at the end when forcing their way over the line on a couple of occasions after being camped on the visitors' line.

However, their efforts were to no avail with the referee unable to determine whether the ball had been grounded, with Newtown hanging on for the win to progress to the quarter-finals.

It was a disappointing outcome for Llanidloes who had clawed their way back into contention against their Powys rivals whose large forwards held sway for much of the time in the set pieces.

No8 and skipper Paul Jehu went over for two tries for Llani, while second row Dave Pugh while Adam Price kicked 12 points with three conversions and two penalties.

WELSHPOOL, who lost 38-14 at in-form Shotton Steel in their last action in the North Two East, face a tough home clash with Powys rivals and title challengers Llanidloes on Saturday with an early kick off time of 1.30pm.

Llan's Trophy hopes are dashed

The Radnor Valley goalkeeper Will Fowden hangs on to deny Chirk AAA. *Picture: Stuart Townsend.*

IT was the end of the road for Llanrhaeadr who paid the penalty in their 4-2 exit at home to Brecon Corries in the fourth round of the FAW Trophy.

Llan went into the tie without four recognised defenders in a makeshift backline, and they were found out in the second period as the Corries overturned a 2-1 deficit to run out winners.

The Brecon visitors had led on 20 minutes, but the home side hit back with a well taken goal when Iwan Matthews volleyed into the net on 34 minutes after Tom Evans had brought the ball down.

And they were ahead at the break when the visiting keeper spilled a deep free kick from Dale Evans and Ben White tucked away the loose ball.

But that was as good as it got for the Spar Mid Wales League side as the Corries levelled 10 minutes after the interval from the penalty spot after a foul by Dale Evans.

A sweet strike made it 3-2 before a second penalty sealed Llan's fate, leaving them to concentrate on the Spar League and League Cup this season.

CARNO were left flying the flag for the league after overcoming hosts Penycae 3-0 maintain their interest in the competition.

It also proved a good day for Chirk AAA who booked their place in the last 16 courtesy of a 3-1 passage at Radnor Valley with Joe Roberts.

Matty Thomas and Tom Freeman were on the mark for the Colliers.

The latest returns from Shropshire's golf clubs

BRIDGNORTH

Fayre and Feather: B Lewis & A James 47pts; J Whalin & G Fellows 46pts (cb); T Alford & J Ralph 46pts (cb); T Harvey & D Read 45pts (cb); G Hughes & P Stoker 45pts (cb); I Wilson & A James 44pts (cb); I Rainford & W Povey 44pts (cb); P Dyson & M Hodgson 44pts (cb); D Harris & P Foster 44pts (cb); G McKenna & C Oakes 44pts (cb).

HAWKSTONE PARK

November Stableford Division 1: R Conlon 37pts; S Smith 37pts; M Harrington 36pts. Division 2: J Walker-Smith 37pts; M Meredith 37pts; R Mackness 34pts.

October Medal Division 1: S Smith 79-6c=73; I Balmforth 79-6c=73; J Evans 80-6c=74. Division 2: C Payne 98-25c=73; P Hollins 92-18c=74; B Williams 91-17c=74.

Ladies' November Medal: K Gleave net 75; J Wales net 76; P Hiles net 78.

Seniors' Veterans Men's Alex Lyle Trophy: R Gleave 86–13=73; D I Jepson 89-13=76; D Mein 95-18=77.

LEOMINSTER

Turkey Trot Division 1: **D Jones (12) 38pts; C Brimmell (4) 37pts; J Lawrence (7) 36pts (cb). Division 2: A** Roberts (17) 36pts; M Pugh (13) 35pts; T Suff (13) 34pts (cb). Division 3: T Perry (23) 36pts; G Flowers (23) 32pts (cb); M Bailey (27) 32pts. Twos: J Morris (12); J Callow (20); T Bufton (13).

Committee Cup: J Powell (17) 37pts; B Holloway (23) 36pts; V Fish (13) 35pts.

Seniors' Turkey Trot: G Monk (13) 42pts; P Sandall (17) 40pts (cb); J Stevenson (23) 40pts; A Hooper (13) 39pts. Twos: B Gerbez, P Sandall, R Cattermole and T Richards. Twos: J Ingram.

Juniors' Captain's Day: W Mee (16) 42pts; T Merrick (5) 36pts; W Gore (13) 30pts. Twos: W Mee and T Morris.

MARKET DRAYTON

Poppy Medal 2: R Francis (19) 67; R Wagstaffe (14) 67; G Ellerton (12) 67; D Mynard (17) 68; D Saxon (15) 68; G Dean (10) 69.

Ladies' Nine Hole Competition: J Lawson (31); A Loader (36); V Huntbach (28); G Mellor (36); M Lewis (36).

MILE END

Spring Cup Winners: K Cawley & J Northwood. Runners Up: R Burke & T Rowlands.

Men's Pairs Knockout Winners: B & K Hampson. Runners Up: K Cawley & B Power.

Men's Knockout Winner: P Mader. Runner Up: T Rowlands.

Children In Need Winners: J Bennett, P Mader, S Holloway & B Sharpe 126pts. Runners Up: J Heer, R Rogers, C Slater & W Murray 124pts. Third Place: N Exton, J Turner, G Harper & H Cawley 120pts.

Mixed Pairs Knockout Winners: J Jones & J Turner. Runners Up: S Robson & D Field.

Ladies' Lady Captains Salver Winner: A Pugh. Runner Up: H Cawley.

Wynne Corrie Cup Winner: J Turner. Runner Up: A Pugh.

Jackie Rogers Trophy Winners: H Cawley & L Walsh. Runners Up: J Bennett & J Tinsley.

OSWESTRY

Christmas Competition 4BBB Medal: G Evans & F Mottram 59 (cb); M Jones & J Taylor 59 (cb); P Huxley & J Harris 59; S Foulkes & S Pound 61 (cb); J Lawes & M Knapper 61 (cb); S Skelton & A Smith 61 (cb).

SHREWSBURY

Ladies' 18 Hole Stableford Division 1: S Watson 35pts; M Griffiths 34pts; M O'Sullivan 34pts. Division 2: M Saull 35pts; C Russell 33pts; E Adams (2) 29pts.

THE BROW

Christmas Competition No 2: T Brough 37pts; I Davies 35 (cb); P Shore 35; K Abbott 34.

WREKIN

Seniors' Winter Stableford 3 (15 Hole Stableford): A Shorthose 32-19; M Perks 30-12; D Moore 28-16. Two's: A Denver - 7th, Stableford 4 (15 Hole Stableford): B Carline 30-13; G Kelly 30-16; D Pegge 27-15.

Leaders are six-shooters over champs

LEADERS Llanfyllin Town move five points clear at the top of the JT Hughhes Mongomeryshire League division one with a 6-2 beating of defending champions Llanfair United reserves.

Llanfair, whose fortunes had picked up of late, gained responses through Ashley Davies and Tom Gregory.

Meifod moved joint second in the table following their 4-2 home success over close rivals Waterloo Rovers.

High flying Carno reserves make it nine wins in a row in division two with a 2-1 success against Llangedwyn.

Victory kept them five points clear of Trewern United who hammered Llanfechain 12-2 to maintain their challenge.

Results

Division one: Caersws res v Berriew res (post), Llanfyllin Town 6 Llanfair United res 2, Meifod 4 Waterloo Rovers 2. Division two: Carno res 2 Llangedwyn 1, Trewern Unitd 12 Llanfechain 2, Waterloo Rovers res v Bishop's Castle (post). **Newtown AFC League Cup round one:** Welshpool Town res 3 Newtown Wanderers 3 (Newtown win 4-3 on penalties).

Goal king Richard nets Berriew hat-trick

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

HOT-SHOT Richard Davies continued his rich vein of form as Berriew stormed into the last eight of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup with a 4-1 passage at home Hay St Mary's.

The striker led the charge with a hat-trick, all his goals coming in the first half, before Steve Roberts smashed home a fourth with a 25-yarder after the break.

Hay got a consolation with the last kick of the game, but the tie was done and dusted well before then as the Rhiewsiders, currently lying second in he first division, maintained their hot pursuit of silverware this season.

Davies got his first when put through on goal, then fired a second from the edge of the box and completed his treble when firing home form close range after Matt Mumford had head the ball into his path.

After Roberts fired No4, the hosts eased off, but they had done more than enough to stretch their unbeaten run to 12 games. They are now in two cup quarter-finals.

Unbeaten leaders Rhayader Town also progressed after overcoming Knighton Town 3-0, while in-form Bow Street saw off **CHURCHSTOKE** 2-0 through Tom Wills and an own goal from a deflected free kick.

It was also the end of **ABERMULE'S** interest in the completion after being edged out 3-2 at Dolgellau, while second division title chasers KERRY were pipped 1-0 at Llandrindod Wells.

In the league, **WELSHPOOL** boosted hopes of escaping the Spar Mid Wales League division one basement with a welcome 2-1 home success over fellow strugglers **MONTGOMERY.**

Victory, only their second of the campaign, was the first for the new management duo of Chris Roberts and Neil Pryce in their fourth game in charge.

Despite the welcome win, the Maesydre side remain second bottom, but are now four points clear of basement rivals Monty.

They are level on seven points with Tywyn Bryncrug, but six points adrift of Radnor Valley who lie fourth from bottom.

Tywyn had a day to forget as they crashed 6-1 at home to Llanidloes Town to remain deep in basement danger, but still just ahead of Pool on goal difference.

The hosts had taken the lead, but their challenge faded as Steve Jones had the scores level at the break when his 20-yard cross-shot drifted into the net at the far post.

Then five goals followed in the second half with Rhys D Evans, substitute George Clarke, Matthew Savage, Harri Clarke and sub Josh Matthews all on target.

In the second division, fourth placed **LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE** suffered a jolt when they crashed 6-2 at Newbridge to lose ground on the leaders.

With previous leaders Kerry in league cup action, Borth United took advantage to run out 4-1 winners at home to lowly Penybont to move three points clear at the top.

Liam Lewis got the first, Ryan Davies then chipped in with a brace before Liam Berner sealed the win against the visitors who finished with 10 men.

FOUR CROSSES, looking to climb away from the basement regions, were held 1-1 at home to Builth Wells to in the table.

Late starters Aberystwyth University continued their revival by overcoming Presteigne 3-0, their third victory of the season.

The students ruled the roost against their visitors, and had enough chances to have emerged more emphatic winners.

Top scorer Shaun Roberts gave them a 20th minute lead when latching onto a pass from Ali Palmer before slotting home.

Five minutes later, player of the match Palmer launched a strong run before firing home to double the lead.

After the interval, the students had three efforts cleared off the line, and Liam Powell had a goal disallowed, before heading in a third a goal in the 70th minute.

Pool Ladies hit back for vital victory

OSWESTRY ladies were held 1-1 at home to Bebbington Ladies to frustrate their hopes of closing the gap on the leaders in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two.

Even so, they remain fourth, just four points off top spot, and look to get back to winning ways when they visit rock bottom Brooklands Poynton on Saturday.

WELSHPOOL Ladies moved into third place in the North Wales League division one with a 2-1 success against Ruthin at Newtown.

It's been a tough start to the season for Pool with the loss of players, but a recent victory over arch rivals Newtown boosted their prospects before maintaining the momentum with the success against Ruthin.

Despite falling behind, the hosts hit back to take the spoils with goals from Rhian Davies and Sarah Thomas.

Welsh Premier best value for money

THE Welsh Premier League is the cheapest place to watch men's football in the UK, a BBC study has found.

The Price of Football study has analysed data from 223 clubs across Britain and Europe to find out how much is costs supporters to follow their team.

And for the second year running, the Welsh Premier has come out on top with the average cheapest matchday ticket price going down from £7 to £6.91.

Rhyl and The New Saints both charge the league's highest admission price of £8 on a matchday, while the rest of the league charges £6 or £7.

Reigning champions TNS also have the highest season-ticket price in the league at £110, while Newtown sell the cheapest at £50.

Gap Connah's Quay do not offer season tickets, while Cefn Druids did not sell any of their £100 season tickets after they temporarily relocated grounds.

The cheapest men's shirts in the UK can be found at Newtown for £27, while the dearest in the league can be bought at Aberystwyth for £41.50.

Elsewhere in Wales, National League side Wrexham increased the prices on all their tickets in the categories analysed. The cheapest season ticket at the Racecourse Ground is now £260 compared to options between £229 and £259 last season.

Newport County are one of only three League Two clubs who have brought down their cheapest and most expensive matchday tickets.

The south Wales side's cheapest matchday ticket costs a pound less than last season at £16 with the cheapest season ticket £250. They have the most expensive programme in the league at £3.50.

Jack back with goals as Town on the rise

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

JACK Harris returned to form with an early brace as FC Oswestry Town's fortunes in the North West Counties League division one continue to look up with a comfortable 3-0 home success against Bacup Borough.

After scoring plenty of goals at the start of the season, Harris had not found the net since September, but was twice on target inside the first 10 minutes to put Town on course for the points at Park Hall.

The victory, the second in a week, lifted the Oswestry side up to eighth in the table, and they are now just four points off the play-off positions.

Harris got his first when volleying in a cross from Brendon Price, and quickly followed it up with a penalty to double the lead.

The front runner had further chances, before Town added a third in the 70th minute to seal the win when a free kick from newcomer Matty Jones found the net.

"The first 15 minutes was the best we've played since I've been with the club, and it was good to see Jack getting back to his form earlier in the season which brought him 10 goals," said boss Mike Barton.

"We dropped off a bit after the start we had, but they did not create much and we saw the game out with few problems."

A few days before, two goals from Dave Hartshorn in the space of four minutes midway through the second half secured Town a 2-1 victory at Eccleshall who had led through Jonathan Hancock's strike seven minutes into the second period.

Town look to keep up the winning ways in the league on Saturday when they head to Greater Manchester to take on lowly Atherton LR.

Before then, they had a quarter-final tie with Newport Town in the JD Vickers Cup at Market Drayton last night (wed).

n A flying start put FC Oswestry Town reserves on course for a 4-2 home victory over Whitchurch Alport Juniors that took them up to joint fifth spot in the Mercian Regional League division one.

Two goals up within 10 minutes put the skids under Alport in a hard-fought affair, with Ben Williams getting the opener when latching on to a Sam Jones through ball to finish well.

Soon after, Lewis Jarmen doubled the home team's advantage when, after good work from Jordan Gerrard and Paul Morris on the left, he beat two men to curl the ball round the goalkeeper and into the net.

As the pitch cut up, the game became increasingly feisty with two Whitchurch players being carded for reckless challenges on several home players.

FC Oswestry Town's Brendon Price goes on the attack down the wing. ■ *Picture: Ian Jones.*

Town keeper Gareth Jones pulled off a smart save to keep Alport at bay after half hour, but the Whitchurch side managed to get a goal back after some poor defending from a cross allowed the visitors time to finish from 12 yards.

Manager Steve Drury brought on striker Zakh Ward at half time as Town looked to put the game to bed after the break.

Harry Dunn soon made it 3-1 with his fourth goal in his last three games when sliding the ball under the advancing keeper after being put through by a pin point ball from Jack Morris.

Whitchurch kept a foothold in the game which turned into an ugly battle, that saw Town win a large amount of the 50-50 tackles.

Jordan Gerrard made several good clearances to keep the hosts ahead, but Alport bagged their second goal of the game through a penalty after a questionable handball decision.

Town quickly restored their two-goal advantage when Dunn was upended in the box by the Alport goalkeeper after a superb pass from man-of-the-match Scott Vallely.

Top scorer Ward dispatched the penalty to make it 4-2, while Town had further chances to add to their lead only to be denied by good goalkeeping and wasteful finishing.

After claiming a seventh league win of the campaign, the Oswestry side put their revival to the test when they take on league leaders Oakengates Rangers at Weston Rhyn on Saturday.

GOBOWEN CELTIC are back on track after going up to second in the premier division with a thumping 6-1 victory over Clee Hill United through Rich Morris (2), an own goal, Ed Rogers, Carl Harris and Ian Heathcock.

Ruthless TNS equal league wins record

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints boss Craig Harrison hailed another top notch display from his side after navigating a potentially tricky trip to Carmarthen to maintain their winning march at the top of the Dafabet Welsh Premier

The relentless league leaders had been level 1-1 at half time after trailing early on, before three second half strikes secured a 4-2 victory to equal Bangor City's record of 15 straight wins at the start of the 2010-2011 season.

The victory at Richmond Park, their 19th in all competitions, also extended TNS' lead to 15 points at top of the table as they tightened their stranglehold on the title chase.

Harrison was delighted as his rampant side notched another three points, which put them in sight of setting an outright league record when they host struggling Airbus UK on Friday night.

"Their first goal was a bit dubious. I thought it may have been a foul on the keeper, but the way we've been playing, and the belief and trust everyone has in each other, we were confident we could turn it around," he said.

"It was a tough game. Carmarthen's manager Mark Aizlewood is very good tactically, and they have a hard working bunch of players. It's a tricky pitch there this time of year, and was probably the one place I didn't want to go to equal the record, but the lads were fantastic as they have been all season.

"We've done a lot of travelling during the week, and had a lot of late nights, but it's a testimony to the professionalism of the players, and they deserve all the credit. It was another fantastic performance and result, and it's a fantastic achievement to equal the record of 15 league wins out of 15."

The Saints have been unstoppable in recent seasons after winning back-to-back domestic trebles, while securing five straight league titles to take their tally to 10 as they continue to rewrite the record books.

Following trips to Livingston and Gap Connah's Quay that week, the travel-hardened Saints were made to battle all the way in the first half at Richmond Park before taking charge after the break.

The defending champions had found themselves trailing on 11 minutes when Dave Vincent forced the ball into the net in a melee following a Kyle Bassett corner.

But they were back on terms five minutes later following another goalmouth scramble which resulted in a Carmarthen own goal.

Chris Seargeant crossed back into the box after his corner from the right had been half cleared, and Greg Draper's header at the near post found the net via a deflection off defender Lee Surman.

Carmarthen, who slumped 6-1 at home last season to the Saints, were up for the battle in a lively half first half as they themselves look to push into the league's top six. But the encounter swung in favour of the Oswestry visitors after the break, with Seargeant smashing a penalty into the roof of the net to give his side the lead on 57 minutes.

Then three minutes later, Robbie Parry extended the advantage with a well-taken low strike after Jon Routledge had pulled the ball back from the left.

Top scorer Draper then made it four on 74 minutes to take his tally to 10 for the season when turning to fire home to effectively wrap up the record-equalling victory.

Shropshire cricket are on way to Morda Road

SHROPSHIRE have unveiled their fixtures for the 2017 Minor Counties cricket season – which includes the ever popular visit to Oswestry.

The Morda Road club revealed last month that county cricket would return to their picturesque ground next season when Shropshire host Wales in the one-day MCCA Unicorns Knockout Trophy.

The 50-over game will be played on Sunday, May 14, and Shropshire will be looking to make progress in a competition they last won in 2010.

The full fixture list for Shropshire has now been published, with the county opening their campaign with a clash against near neighbours Staffordshire. at Shrewsbury's London Road ground.

That game, to be played on April 23, and will be the first of four Unicorns Trophy fixtures.

A trip to Cheshire seven days later is followed by a home clash with the Wales game at Oswestry on May 14, before the one-day campaign ends on May 21, away to Herefordshire.

Shropshire will bid to put their gut-wrenching ending to the 2016 Unicorns Championship behind them when they open the 2017 season away to Wales from June 4 to 6.

Steve Leach's side had been in pole position to win the title with one game remaining, but were deducted 24 points for fielding an ineligible player in their last win over Cheshire.

Whitchurch will play host to Shropshire's first home Championship fixture against Herefordshire from June 18 to 20.

It's another day to forget for St Martins

ST MARTINS suffered anther barren day as they slumped 5-1 at Worcester Raiders to remain in the lower reaches of the West Midlands League division one.

After conceding seven goals against Wednesfield the previous week, the Saints again ended up well beaten, but boss Craig Rogers was full of praise for his side following the long trek.

"We went without eight players, including our two centre halves, but I couldn't fault the application from the lads who played." he said.

"We got done by some poor goals, there's no hiding away from that, but in the first half we were the better side.

"They had 10 chances, and we had 19, while we conceded two late goals that made the result look worse than it was."

Having defeated high-flying Hereford Lads Club the week before, the Raiders were brimming with confidence as they opened up a 3-0 lead with quic fire goals from Anthony Smith, Matthew Tyler and Joey Haines.

The Saints, who had a couple of good chances early in the game, pulled one back through the impressive Shawn Melusi right on half time, while they also had one effort disallowed and a couple of others cleared off the line.

However, as they pushed forward late on, they were caught on the break with Tyler scoring twice more to complete his hat-trick, his third goal a fine strike.

Having not won since August, the Saints now find themselves 13th in the table, and they face a must win at home to rock bottom Team Dudley on Saturday.

Morda no-go

THE unavailability of several players forced Morda United to concede their Emrys Morgan Cup second round tie away to Penybont reserves.

The Weston Road side host Berriew reserves in the second round of the Llansantffraid Village Cup on Saturday, the kick-off at Weston Road is at 1.30pm.

Cook nets double as Guils keep up pressure

GUILSFIELD kept the pressure on the leading pack in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after two goals from Jake Cook earned a battling 2-1 win at lowly Conwy Borough.

Victory lifted the Guils up to joint fifth, and they are just five points adrift of second place, and hopeful of improving that position at home to Buckley Town on Saturday.

Cook gave the Guils a 22nd minute lead with a good finish just inside the box, and secured a victory with a 63rd minute spot kick after boss Dan Barton had been pushed in the box.

Chris Quinn had levelled for the hosts before half time, but the depleted visitors - who travelled with just 13 players - had the better of the second half against a spirited Conwy side under new management.

It's all to play for at the top of the table, particularly with the future of runaway leaders Prestatyn Town in doubt due to an unpaid tax bill.

A second half strike from Jamie Davies maintained LLANFAIR UNITED's upturn in fortunes as they edged out basement side Ruthin Town 1-0 in a scrappy affair at the Mount Field.

The midfielder struck the only goal of the game on 68 minutes when providing a good finish after latching onto an Andrew Hughes pass.

Victory took Llanfair up to a respectable ninth in the table, but they were made to battle all the way by their struggling visitors.

Overall, it was a deserved win, with Llanfair having a goal disallowed in the first half while Joe Vaughan also struck the bar.

"It was a pleasing win, we had to dig in and battle hard, and these were the sort of games we were losing last season," said manager Rhys Stephens.

"Had we lost, it would have undone all the good work of us beating Caernarfon in our last league game.

"We've now got 17 points from 13 games, we had 21 in the whole of last season, but there is still a long way to go."

A goal in each half from Craig Harris helped Caersws stay in sight of the leading pack in the Cymru Alliance with a well earned 3-1 victory at Flint Town United.

A fourth victory in five league outings lifted the Bluebirds up to fourth, and three points off second spot, and they will look to keep up the good work at home to new look Denbigh Town on Saturday.

They made the perfect start when Harris headed in a Jack Hughes cross after just eight minutes, and had further chances with Sean Evans spurning another good opportunity,

Flint levelled on the counter attack through James Hooper before the break, but Caersws finished strongly in the second period to seal a deserved win with two goals in the last five minutes

Harris fired home his second from the edge of the box on 85 after being released by Will Thomas, and Sean Evans broke through to complete the scoring.

TNS' Youth side bow out of FAW Cup

TNS' youngsters bowed out of the FAW Youth Cup with a 4-1 exit against Flint Town United in the third round at Park Hall, their second defeat at the hands of the Deesiders this season.

For the third match in a row, Flint forward Charlie Hughes helped himself to a hat-trick to see his side into the quarter-finals, Pete Martin being the other goalscorer in the emphatic win.

Flint led 2-1 at the break, with Hughes bagging both goals, then Martin extended the lead in the second period, before Hughes claimed his third of the afternoon to end hopes one a fightback for the Saints' under-19s.

Llanfair boss is not getting carried away

FORTUNES may be looking up for Llanfair United, but boss Rhys Stephens remains guarded as he looks to cement safety in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

United moved up to ninth in the table with 17 points from 13 games – having bagged just 21 points in the whole of last season – after their battling 1-0 home victory over Ruthin Town.

They now face a tricky trip to Holywell Town on Saturday, and Stephens is not getting carried away despite opening up a gap on the basement pack.

"We are staying grounded, we know where we are in the bigger picture, and a couple of defeats can see us sliding down the table again," he said.

"There's a long way to go, and we need to get well over 30 points before we can even start thinking we're safe.

"But Ruthin was an important result for us as it builds on the 4-2 win at Caernarfon Town in our last league game. Winning helps breeds confidence."

GUILSFIELD will be out to consolidate their position in the leading pack at home to Buckley Town on Saturday.

Their 2-1 win away to a spirited Conwy Borough side, who were under new management, took the Guils up to joint fifth in the table, and just five points off second spot.

"If we can win on Saturday, it will keep up the pressure on the top teams," said boss Dan Barton.

"We went up to Conwy with just 13 players, it was a test of our squad, so we were happy to come away the win.

"They've got a new manager so it was always going to be a tough game,

"They caused us some problems with the front two in the first half, but we pretty well dominated the second half and in the end should have won by more."

Sam Litchfield, Nathan Leonard and Jack Richards are among those who should be back in contention after missing last weekend.

St Martins looking to turn it around

ST MARTINS will be looking to halt their slump in the West Midlands League division one in Saturday's crunch clash with rock bottom Team Dudley at Park Hall (3pm).

The Saints slipped to 13th in the table after their 5-1 loss at Worcester Raiders, having now conceded 12 goals in their last two outings.

They have not won since August but boss Craig Rogers – who took charge last month – believes the side can turn it around despite recent results.

"We went to Worcester without eight players, but I couldn't fault the application from the lads who played." he said.

"We had more chances, but they scored two late goals which made the result look worse than it was.

"We're not that far away, but we're not getting the breaks. If we stick together, I'm confident it can turn."

New Saints book another final spot

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

HOLDERS The New Saints set up another final appearance in the Nathaniel MG Cup after seeing off Gap Connah's Quay 1-0 at the second time of asking.

After their original semi-final had been abandoned due to fog with the sides 2-2, the Saints were again pushed all the way before prevailing on a wet night at the Deeside Stadium.

A ninth minute strike from Scott Quigley proved enough to take TNS through, the forward breaking towards the box before driving his deflected shot past keeper John Danby.

Victory kept the unbeaten Welsh Premier leaders on course to lift the trophy for the third successive season, and seventh time in their history,

It was their 20th straight win in all competitions this term, and they now meet Barry Town in the final on Saturday January, 21 next year.

But they had to dig deep to repel a Connah's Quay side that had not lost at home since manager Andy Morrison took over 12 months ago.

Gap battled hard, with Les Davies and Lewis Short both rattling the post in the second half, while Davies also missed a couple of further opportunities. With the tie becoming stretched, Quigley went close to a second for the Saints, while Greg Draper also hit the bar in injury time.

Connah's Quay pushed in a frantic finish, but the Oswestry high-fliers again showed their resolve to maintain their 100 per cent record.

ONE WIN WILL MAKE HISTORY

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints boss Craig Harrison comes face to face with his old club Airbus UK Broughton at Park Hall on Friday night (7.45) as the unbeaten Dafabet Welsh Premier leaders target a new league record.

The defending champions maintained their relentless march at the top of the league by winning 4-2 at Carmarthen Town to extend their commanding lead to 15 points.

Their latest success made it 15 straight wins in the league, putting them level with Bangor City who reeled off a 15-match sequence at the start the 2010-2011 season.

The Saints still have power to add, and now target a struggling Airbus side as they bid to set a new top-flight British record for successive league wins at the start of the season Delighted with his team's achievements, Harrison says it is somewhat ironic that he will be facing his former employers as he bids to make history.

"It's strange how things work out in football," he said. "I will be hoping to get the record against my old club Airbus, and interestingly I was manager there six years ago when they drew 1-1 with Bangor to end their 15-match winning record.

"With the run we're on, we don't need to motivate the players, it's more a case of calming them down as they just want to get back on the pitch as soon as possible."

He added: "On a number of different fronts I'm a very proud manager with 15 league wins out 15 which is a huge record. We want to win every game and every competition we're in, and that's a standard we've set over the last two years."

Despite a gruelling week that saw a trek to Scotland to take on Livingston in the IRN-BRU Cup, and then to Deeside to face Gap Connah's Quay in the Nathaniel MG Cup, the Saints never looked likely to slip up at Carmarthen despite going behind early on.

A Lee Surman own goal levelled matters, before Chris Seargeant (penalty), Robbie Parry and top scorer Greg Draper settled the issue in the second half.

The odds are stacked against the Wingmakers, having never won at Park Hall, while they slumped 4-1 at home to TNS earlier this season.

Steve up and running for Wales

Oswestry Olympian cross country runner Steve Roberts winning his first Wales vest

IT WAS a proud day for Oswestry Olympian Steve Roberts who made his Wales debut in the Masters British and Irish International cross country at Tollcross Park inGlasgow.

Representing his country against tough competition, Roberts ran the fast eight kilometre course well, clocking 31 minutes 52 seconds to finish 68th in the M50-66 category. The race was won by England's Paul Ward, who timed an impressed 25.02.

Roberts' time also earned him a very creditable 18th place finish in the M60-64 section, with John Lowden (England) first home in 28.01.

Flying the flag for the Olympians, the proud Oswestry club now hopes this race in Scotland will be the first of many Welsh international vests for Roberts.

Jack back as Town close in on play-offs

MANAGER Mike Barton will be looking for FC Oswestry Town to continue their push for the play-off places in the North West Counties League when they head to lowly Atherton LR on Saturday.

Back-to-back wins against Eccleshall and Bacup Borough lifted Town up to eighth in the division one table, and they are now just four points off the play-off positions.

Forward Jack Harris returned to form with an early brace in the comfortable 3-0 home success against Bacup Borough, Matty Jones getting a third in the second half.

"It was a thoroughly deserved win, which keeps us creeping up the table," said Barton. "It was good to see Jack get back to his form of earlier in the season.

"We've now got Atherton on Saturday, another side below us in the league, and we'll be looking for three more points."

Town's reserves are also in good form, climbing up to fifth in the Mercian Regional League division one after a 4-2 win against Whitchurch Alport Juniors.

After claiming a seventh league win of the campaign, the Oswestry side put their revival to the test when they take on league leaders Oakengates Rangers at Weston Rhyn on Saturday.

CHIRK AAA have been drawn away to North Wales side Llanrwst United in the last 16 of the FAW Trophy, the tie to be played on Saturday, January 14. Carno are also on the road to Sully Sports in south Glamorgan.

Eagles celebrate 40th anniversary

IT"S a big day for Oswestry Rugby Club who mark a milestone in their history with their 40th anniversary at Granville Park on Saturday.

Officials are hoping for a good turnout from locals to mark the occasion, with the first team in action against high flying Isle of Man side Douglas in the South Lancs and Cheshire One (2.15pm).

It is hoped that as many ex-Eagles will be present, and a club spokesman said: "Please come down and support your local club. It's going to be a special day for Oswestry and the club."

Oswestry would dearly like to mark the day with a welcome win, but face a tough task against their in-form Douglas visitors who underlined their credentials with a 62-10 hammering Manchester Medics – who were promoted along with the Eagles last season.

Despite a battling display, Oswestry went down 48-7 at Bowdwon last weekend to remain at the foot of the South Lancs and Cheshire division one, and are still looking for their first win.

Berriew seek No13

TITLE-CHASING Berriew bid to stretch their unbeaten run to 13 games when they welcome Aberaeron on Saturday in the Spar Mid Wales League division one (2.30).

At the other end of the table, Welshpool – boosted by their 2-1 win over Montgomery – face another big clash at basement rivals Tywyn Bryncrug.

Rock bottom side Montgomery welcome Machynlleth.

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